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On March 7, 2000, the Commission issued its Notice of Applications. Thereafter, on March 16, 2000, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (SWBT) filed its timely Application to Intervene. SWBT states that @link proposes to provide telecommunications services in exchanges served by SWBT and in direct competition with SWBT. SWBT also states that its interest is different from that of the general public and that interest cannot be represented adequately by any other party to this proceeding.

No party filed an objection or other response to SWBT's application to intervene and the time for doing so has now passed.

The Commission has reviewed the application to intervene and finds that it is in substantial compliance with Commission rules regarding intervention and that SWBT has an interest in this matter different from that of the general public. The Commission will grant the request for intervention. An early prehearing conference should be scheduled to afford the parties the opportunity to discuss, define, and possibly resolve the issues presented in this case, and to discuss a procedural schedule. The Commission will also set a date for the filing of a proposed schedule in order to ensure that this case progresses.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. That Southwestern Bell Telephone Company is granted intervention in this case in accordance with 4 CSR 240-2.075(4).

2. That a prehearing conference shall be held on May 24, 2000, beginning at 10:00 a.m. The prehearing conference shall be held at the Commission's office on the fifth floor of the Harry S Truman State Office Building, 301 West High Street, Jefferson City, Missouri. Anyone wishing to attend who has special needs as addressed by the Americans with Disabilities Act should contact the Missouri Public Service Commission at least ten (10) days before the prehearing conference at: Consumer Services Hotline - 1-800-392-4211 or TDD Hotline - 1-800-829-7541.

3. That the parties shall file a proposed procedural schedule no later than May 31, 2000. The procedural schedule shall include dates for the filing of testimony and for a hearing.

4. That this order shall become effective on May 11, 2000.

BY THE COMMISSION



Dale Hardy Roberts  
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

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Kevin A. Thompson, Deputy Chief  
Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation  
of authority pursuant to 4 CSR  
240-2.120(1) (November 30, 1995)  
and Section 386.240, RSMo 1994.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,  
on this 1st day of May, 2000.

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