

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
JEFFERSON CITY
February 8, 2001**

CASE NO: TA-2001-251

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Enclosed find certified copy of an ORDER in the above-numbered case(s).

Sincerely,



Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

In the Matter of the Application of ExOp of Missouri, Inc., for Designation as a Telecommunications Company Carrier Eligible for Federal Universal Service Support Pursuant to Section 254 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.)
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) **Case No. TA-2001-251**
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ORDER DIRECTING FILING

On December 6, 2000, the Commission set a prehearing conference for December 27, 2000, and directed that a proposed procedural schedule be filed on or before January 3, 2001. The prehearing conference was held on December 27, 2000, as scheduled. On January 2, 2001, the parties jointly requested that the obligation to file a proposed procedural schedule be suspended until February 7, 2001, in that settlement negotiations are continuing. The Commission granted that motion by order issued on February 2, 2001.

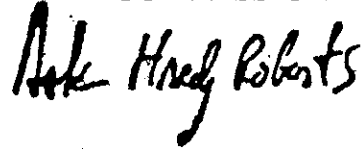
On February 6, 2001, the parties filed their second joint motion to suspend the required filing of the proposed procedural schedule, due by February 7, 2001. Again, the parties explain that settlement negotiations are continuing.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the parties herein shall file a joint proposed procedural schedule on or before March 7, 2001.

2. That this Order shall become effective on February 18, 2001.

BY THE COMMISSION

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Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

(S E A L)

Kevin A. Thompson, Deputy Chief
Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation
of authority pursuant to
Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

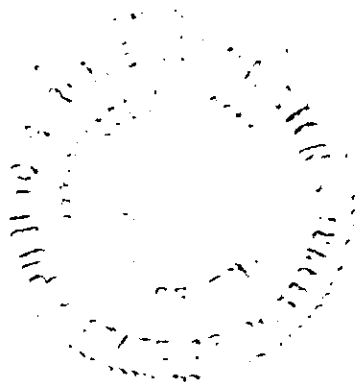
Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 8th day of February, 2001.

STATE OF MISSOURI

OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

I have compared the preceding copy with the original on file in this office and
I do hereby certify the same to be a true copy therefrom and the whole thereof.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission, at Jefferson City,
Missouri, this 8th day of February 2001.



Dale Hardy Roberts

Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge