

**STATE OF MISSOURI
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CASE NO: TO-2000-482

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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

Application for Approval of Interconnection)
Agreement between Southwestern Bell Wireless,)
Inc. and ALLTEL Communications Services)
Corporation under the Telecommunications)
Act of 1996)
 Case No. TO-2000-482

ORDER GRANTING ALLTEL'S MOTION TO ENLARGE RESPONSE TIME

Southwestern Bell Wireless, Inc. (SWBW) filed its Application with the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) on February 8, 2000, for approval of an interconnection agreement between SWBW and ALLTEL Communications Services Corporation (ALLTEL) under the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (the Act).

The Commission issued its order directing notice on February 9, 2000, which, *inter alia*, directed any party wishing to participate without intervention to do so no later than February 29, 2000.

On February 24, 2000, the Missouri Independent Telephone Group, consisting of MoKan Dial, Inc., Choctaw Telephone, Alma Telephone Co., NE Missouri Rural Telephone Company, Modern Telecommunications, Chariton Valley Telephone Corp., and Mid-Missouri Telephone companies (MITG), filed its application to participate without intervention and its suggestions in support of the interconnection agreement.

On February 29, 2000, the Commission entered its order making ALLTEL a party. On March 6, 2000, ALLTEL filed its motion to enlarge the

response time to the filing by MITG to participate without intervention. ALLTEL stated that since it was not a party on the date that MITG filed its pleading, ALLTEL did not receive a copy of the pleading until March 3, 2000.

Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.080(12) states: "Parties shall be allowed ten (10) days from the date of filing in which to respond to any motion or other pleading unless otherwise ordered by the commission." Accordingly, ALLTEL stated, its responsive pleading would have been due the day it filed its motion to enlarge response time, i.e., March 6, 2000.

Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.050(4) states, in part:

When an act is required or allowed to be done at or within a specific time,...the commission, at its discretion, may...[o]rder the period enlarged if a request is made before the expiration of the period originally prescribed....

ALLTEL stated that it was making its request for an enlargement of time to respond before the original time had expired. ALLTEL also stated that no party would be prejudiced by the Commission's granting of its motion. ALLTEL requested that it be given until March 13, 2000, to file its responsive pleading to MITG's application.

The Commission will grant ALLTEL's motion to enlarge the time for its response to MITG's application.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That ALLTEL Communications Services may file no later than 3:00 p.m. on March 13, 2000, a response to the Missouri Independent Telephone Group's application to participate.

2. That this order shall become effective on March 20, 2000.

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Dale H. Roberts". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "D" and "R".

Dale H. Roberts
Chief Regulatory Law Judge/Secretary

(S E A L)

Bill Hopkins, Senior 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 9th day of March, 2000.

**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 9th day of March 2000.



Dale Hardy Roberts

Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge