

**STATE OF MISSOURI  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
JEFFERSON CITY  
November 16, 1999**

**CASE NO: TM-2000-219**

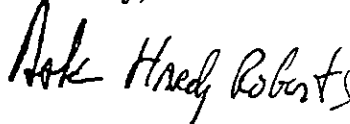
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**Enclosed find certified copy of an ORDER in the above-numbered case(s).**

**Sincerely,**

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Dale Hardy Roberts", written over the typed name.

**Dale Hardy Roberts  
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge**

**Uncertified Copy:**

STATE OF MISSOURI  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

At a Session of the Public Service  
Commission held at its office  
in Jefferson City on the 16th  
day of November, 1999.

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| In the Matter of the Application of     | ) |                             |
| Southwestern Bell Telephone Company for | ) | <u>Case No. TM-2000-219</u> |
| Authority to Transfer Certain Assets to | ) |                             |
| SBCS Switches, Inc.                     | ) |                             |

**ORDER APPROVING APPLICATION TO TRANSFER ASSETS**

Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (SWBT) filed an application on September 7, 1999, for authority to transfer certain assets to SBCS Switches, Inc. (Switches, Inc.). Switches, Inc. is a Delaware corporation and is a wholly owned subsidiary of SWBT. Once the proposed transfer takes place, SWBT will distribute all of its stock in Switches, Inc. to SWBT's parent corporation, SBC Communications, Inc. (SBC). Thereafter SBC will merge Switches, Inc. into SBC Services, Inc. (Services, Inc.), with Services, Inc. being the surviving entity. Services, Inc. will utilize the assets that are the subject of SWBT's application, along with other assets, to provide centralized administrative support services to SWBT and other SBC subsidiaries.

On September 7, SWBT filed a motion requesting expedited review and approval of its application. SWBT requested that its application be approved by December 1, in order that SBC Services can begin providing services on January 1, 2000. In order to comply with SWBT's request for

expedited consideration, the Commission issued an order on September 21, directing the Staff of the Public Service Commission (Staff) to file, no later than November 10, a recommendation regarding SWBT's application. That order also provided that the Office of the Public Counsel (Public Counsel) might also file its recommendations regarding the application on November 10.

On October 15, Staff filed a memorandum indicating that it had no objection to the proposed transaction and recommending approval of the application. On October 21, the Commission issued an Order Approving Application to Transfer Assets. That order had an effective date of November 2. On October 25, Public Counsel timely filed a Motion for Rehearing. Public Counsel's motion pointed out that the Commission had acted to approve the application without allowing Public Counsel an opportunity to comment on the application as it was allowed to do by the Commission's order of September 21.

On October 28, after considering Public Counsel's motion, the Commission issued an Order Granting Motion for Rehearing. That order set aside the Commission's Order Approving Application to Transfer Assets and allowed Public Counsel until November 5, to file its recommendations regarding SWBT's application. SWBT and Staff were allowed until November 12, to respond to Public Counsel's comments if they wished to do so.

On November 5, Public Counsel filed a letter in which it indicated that it has decided not to file any comments in this case and takes no position with regard to SWBT's application.

The Commission has reviewed the application, the accompanying documentation, and Staff's recommendation and finds that the proposed transfer of assets will have no adverse impact on the Missouri customers of SWBT. The Commission finds that the transaction is not detrimental to the public interest and should be approved.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. That the Application of Southwestern Bell Telephone Company for Authority to Transfer Certain Assets to SBCS Switches, Inc. is approved.
2. That this order shall become effective on November 30, 1999.
3. That this case may be closed on December 1, 1999.

**BY THE COMMISSION**



**Dale Hardy Roberts**  
**Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge**

( S E A L )

Lumpe, Ch., Crumpton, Murray,  
Schemenauer, and Drainer, CC., concur

Woodruff, Regulatory Law Judge

AL/Sec'y:

Woodruff / Boyle

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Lumpe, Chair

Crumpton, Commissioner

Murray, Commissioner

Schemenauer, Commissioner

Drakner, Vice-Chair

Agenda Date

11-16

Action taken:

5-0 AS

Must Vote Not Later Than

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 16th day of November 1999.

Dale Hardy Roberts

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Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

