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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of Southwest)	
Missouri Cable TV, Inc. for Designation as an)	<u>Case No. TO-98-275</u>
Eligible Carrier Pursuant to Section 254 of the)	
Telecommunications Act of 1996.)	

ORDER AND NOTICE

Southwest Missouri Cable TV, Inc. (SMCTV) filed on December 31, 1997, an Application for Designation as Eligible Carrier Pursuant to § 254 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. SMCTV, a certificated interexchange and local exchange telecommunications carrier, asked the Commission to designate it as a telecommunications carrier eligible to receive federal universal service support under 47 C.F.R. § 54.201(d). Beginning on January 1, 1998, any carrier that is eligible for universal service support must provide the services that are supported by federal universal support mechanisms as described in 47 C.F.R. § 101 using its own facilities at least in part. The carrier must also advertise the availability of those services and the charges for them using media of general distribution. 47 C.F.R. § 54.201(d). Where a telecommunications carrier is otherwise eligible for universal service support, it may request additional time to complete the network upgrades necessary to provide single-party service, access to enhanced 911 service, or toll limitation. 47 C.F.R. § 54.101(c). The Commission may grant a request for additional time only on a showing of exceptional circumstances and for the period of time the Commission deems necessary to complete the upgrades. *Id.*

SMCTV alleges that it currently offers, or will soon offer, eight of the nine services supported by federal universal service. SMCTV states that it does not currently have the technical capability to provide toll control as described by the FCC and asked the Commission to grant it additional time to provide toll control.

The Commission notes that SMCTV has not been certificated to provide basic local telecommunications services in Missouri and, to date, has not filed an application for such a certificate. Nevertheless, the Commission finds that proper parties should be given notice of this application and an opportunity to intervene. The Records Department of the Commission shall send a copy of this order to all certificated Missouri basic local, local exchange and interexchange carriers. Applications to intervene should be submitted to the Secretary of the Missouri Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 360, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102, and copies sent to:

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IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the Records Department of the Commission shall give notice as described in this order.
2. That any interested party wishing to intervene shall file an application to intervene with the Secretary of the Missouri Public Service Commission and serve a copy on applicant's representative no later than February 9, 1998.

3. That this order shall become effective on January 7, 1998.

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dale Hardy Roberts".

Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

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L. Anne Wickliffe, 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 7th day of January, 1998.