

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Investigation into the)
Effective Availability for Resale of South-)
western Bell Telephone Company's Local Plus)
Service by Interexchange Companies and)
Facilities-Based Competitive Local Exchange)
Companies)

Case No. TO-2000-667

ORDER GRANTING INTERVENTION AND DIRECTING PARTIES TO FILE
SUGGESTIONS REGARDING ISSUES TO BE ADDRESSED IN THIS PROCEEDING

On June 22, 2000, ALLTEL Communications, Inc. (ALLTEL) filed an Application to Intervene Out of Time for Good Cause. In its Application, ALLTEL requested leave to intervene even though the previously established intervention deadline of May 10 has expired. ALLTEL suggests that allowing it to intervene would be in the public interest because ALLTEL would be the only facilities-based CLEC in the proceeding who currently is seeking to provide and resell Southwestern Bell Telephone Company's (SWBT's) Local Plus services. ALLTEL asserts that its unique perspective will be helpful to the Commission. ALLTEL suggests that it had good cause for its failure to request intervention prior to the May 10 deadline in that it did not have an approved interconnection agreement with SWBT until June 15, 2000.

ALLTEL's application to intervene was discussed at the prehearing conference on June 27. At that time the other parties were given an

opportunity to raise any objections to ALLTEL's application. No such objections were stated. The Commission finds that ALLTEL has an interest that is different from that of the general public and which may be adversely affected by a final order arising from the case. The Commission further finds that granting ALLTEL's requested intervention would be in the public interest. Finally, the Commission finds that ALLTEL has shown good cause to allow it to intervene after the passing of the deadline for intervention.

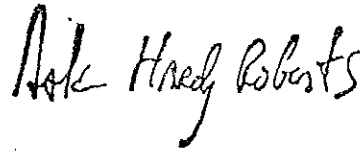
At the prehearing conference, the parties were directed to file written suggestions regarding the possible limitation of the issues to be addressed in this case. The parties were directed to address the additional issues raised by the Missouri Independent Telephone Company Group and the Small Telephone Company Group in their Applications to Intervene. The directions given to the parties at the prehearing conference will be memorialized in this order.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That ALLTEL Communications, Inc. is granted intervention in this case in accordance with 4 CSR 240-2.075(4)&(5).
2. That the parties are directed to file, no later than July 7, 2000, written suggestions regarding any limitation that the Commission should place on the issues to be addressed in this case.
3. That no later than July 17, 2000, the parties may file responses to the suggestions of the other parties.

4. That this order shall become effective on July 10, 2000.

BY THE COMMISSION



Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

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Morris L. Woodruff, 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 28th day of June, 2000.

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