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**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

In the Matter of the Application of Simply Local )  
Services, Inc., for a Certificate of Service )  
Authority to Provide Basic Local Telecommunica- ) Case No. TA-99-206  
tions Service in Portions of the State of )  
Missouri and to Classify Said Services and the )  
Company as Competitive. )

**ORDER GRANTING INTERVENTION**  
**AND DIRECTING FILING OF PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

Simply Local Services, Inc. filed an application on November 9, 1998, for a certificate of service authority to provide basic local exchange telecommunications services in the State of Missouri under 4 CSR 240-2.060. Simply Local Services, Inc. wishes to provide resold services in all the exchanges currently served by Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (SWBT). The Commission issued a notice directing interested parties to file applications to intervene no later than December 17, 1998.

Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (SWBT) filed an application to intervene on November 23, 1998. SWBT states that it has an interest in the Commission's decision because it provides basic local exchange services and will be in direct competition with this company if the certificate is granted. SWBT argues that no other party will adequately protect its interests in this matter and that its intervention would be in the public interest because of SWBT's expertise and experience in the telecommunications industry.

The Commission has reviewed the application to intervene and finds that it is in substantial compliance with Commission rules regarding intervention and that SWBT has an interest in this matter which is different from that of the general public. The Commission concludes that SWBT's request for intervention should be granted and that the parties should file a proposed procedural schedule. The procedural schedule must include dates for the filing of testimony and for a hearing. If no party requests a hearing, the Commission may grant the service authority and competitive classification requested without a hearing. State ex rel. Rex Deffenderfer Enterprises, Inc. v. Public Service Commission, 776 S.W.2D 494, 496 (Mo. App. 1989).

On November 25, 1998, Simply Local Services, Inc. also filed a copy of Exhibit B which had been omitted from its application.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. That Southwestern Bell Telephone Company is granted intervention in this case in accordance with 4 CSR 240-2.075(4).

2. That the parties shall file a proposed procedural schedule no later than March 1, 1999. The procedural schedule shall include either dates for the filing of testimony and for a hearing.

3. That this order shall become effective on February 19, 1999.

BY THE COMMISSION



Dale Hardy Roberts  
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

( S E A L )

Nancy Dippell, 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 February, 1999.