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**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

ORDER AND NOTICE

Section 392.440, RSMo 1994, provides that any company offering the resale of local exchange telecommunications service must obtain a certificate of service authority from the Missouri Public Service Commission. Section 392.440 also provides that the Commission shall grant such a certificate after notice and hearing upon a showing by the applicant, and a finding by the Commission, that the grant of authority is in the public interest. The requirement of a hearing is fulfilled when all those having a desire to be heard have been offered such an opportunity. State ex rel. Rex Deffenderfer Enterprises, Inc. v. Public Service Commission, 776 S.W.2d 494, 496 (Mo. App. 1989).

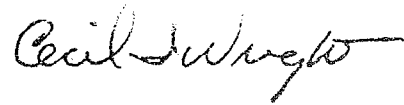
Accordingly, you are hereby notified that the entities listed in Attachment A to this Order and Notice have applied for certificates of service authority to provide customer owned coin telephone (COCT) service in Missouri. Certificates of service authority may be granted to these applicants upon Staff review unless someone intervenes or requests a hearing.

Motions to intervene must be filed no later than the date specified in Attachment A to this Order and Notice with the Executive Secretary of the Missouri Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 360, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102, and copies sent to the applicant's attorney or if the applicant is unrepresented, to the applicant.

The Records Department of the Commission should send a copy of this Order and Notice to each telephone company rendering local exchange service in Missouri. Anyone desiring a copy of the application filed in any of the

cases listed on Attachment A may receive one upon written request to the Executive Secretary of the Missouri Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 360, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102.

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Cecil I. Wright".

Cecil I. Wright
Executive Secretary

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Greg George, Administrative 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 17th day of July, 1997.

ATTACHMENT A

Motions to intervene must be filed on or before August 1, 1997
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Case No. TA-98-18

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