BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Request of AT&T)		
Communications of the Southwest, Inc., to)	Case No.	TO-99-615
Terminate Carrier of Last Resort Obligation.)		

ORDER ADOPTING BRIEFING SCHEDULE

On June 29, 1999, AT&T Communications of the Southwest, Inc. (AT&T), filed a pleading requesting that the Commission terminate its obligation under Section 392.460, RSMo, to be the basic interexchange telecommunications services provider of last resort. On March 20, 2000, the Commission convened an evidentiary hearing in this matter.

In briefing this case, the parties shall address the question of whether or not a rulemaking is necessary with respect to the cessation of services in any exchange by an interexchange telecommunications carrier and, if so, what the principal features of such a rule should be. The parties shall also address the question of just what services are encompassed by the obligation imposed with respect to "basic interexchange telecommunications service" by Section 392.460, RSMO.

The Commission adopts the following Briefing Schedule.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the parties may file simultaneous initial briefs not later than 30 days after the transcript is filed with the Commission by the reporter.

- 2. That the parties may file simultaneous reply briefs not later than 15 days after the date by which initial briefs were due.
 - 3. That this order shall become effective on March 31, 2000.

BY THE COMMISSION

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Dale Hardy Roberts Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

(SEAL)

Kevin A. Thompson, 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 21st day of March, 2000.

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