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STATE OF MISSOURI  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

At a Session of the Public Service  
Commission held at its office  
in Jefferson City on the 18th  
day of February, 1998.

In the Matter of a Review of the       )  
Technical and Financial                )  
Provisioning of Calling Scopes,       )  
in a Competitive Environment.        )

CASE NO. TW-98-356

**ORDER ESTABLISHING CASE, SETTING INTERVENTION  
DEADLINE, AND SETTING PREHEARING CONFERENCE**

Competition in the telecommunication industry may cause numerous changes in the services provided to Missouri customers. Therefore, the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) finds it appropriate to develop a thorough report on calling scope issues and services in order to adequately address the needs of the Missouri customers in a competitive environment. In order to receive essential public and industry input for the purpose of developing this report, the Commission is establishing this case.

The Commission will direct the Staff of the Commission (Staff) to file with the Commission a proposed schedule of five local public hearings to be held throughout the state beginning in mid-April. Staff shall file the proposed schedule for the local public hearings no later than March 23, 1998.

In accordance with the Commission's usual practice of providing notification to the public of the establishing of working cases, the Commission directs that the following notification procedure take place. The Commission's Information Officer should send notice of this order to the publisher of every newspaper located in the State of Missouri, as listed in the newspaper directory of the current Official Manual of the State of Missouri. The Records Department of the Commission should send

a copy of this order to all certificated Missouri telecommunications companies. Any interested persons or entities should be given an opportunity to participate in this proceeding. The Information Officer will send a copy of the Commission's press release to all members of the General Assembly, all county commissions and municipalities within the state.

Representation by a licensed attorney is not a prerequisite to participation in a case of this type. Applications to participate shall be filed with the Secretary of the Missouri Public Service Commission by March 23, 1998.

Additionally, the Commission will set an early prehearing conference in which all participants may meet to discuss a proposed procedural schedule. Staff shall be responsible for filing a proposed procedural schedule no later than April 7, 1998. The proposed procedural schedule shall include dates for technical workshops.

The Commission wishes to receive a final Technical Report based upon the technical workshops by October 27, 1998. The Staff shall be responsible for filing the report. The final Technical Report should contain information on all existing calling scope services in Missouri and anticipated expanded calling scope services, with deadlines for implementation and a thorough description of the technological, legal, and financial issues to be considered.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. That case number TW-98-356 is established to investigate calling scopes in a competitive environment.

2. That the Records Department of the Missouri Public Service Commission shall send notice as set forth in the body of this order.

3. That the Information Officer of the Missouri Public Service Commission shall send notice as set forth in the body of this order.

4. That any interested person or entity wishing to participate in this proceeding shall file an application to participate on or before March 23, 1998. Such application shall be mailed to:

Secretary of the Commission,  
P.O. Box 360,  
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102.

5. That the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission shall file a proposed schedule for local public hearings as set forth in the body of this order on or before March 23, 1998.

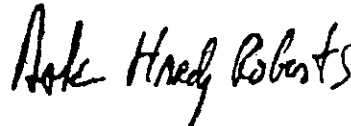
6. That a prehearing conference is scheduled for March 30, 1998 in hearing room 520B on the fifth floor of the Harry S Truman State Office Building, 301 West High Street, Jefferson City, Missouri.

7. Staff shall file a proposed procedural schedule with the Commission on or before April 7, 1998.

8. That any person(s) with special needs as addressed by the Americans With Disabilities Act should contact the Missouri Public Service Commission at least ten days prior to the prehearing conference at one of the following numbers: Consumer Services Hotline -- 1-800-392-4211, or TDD Hotline -- 1-800-829-7541.

9. That this order shall become effective on February 18, 1998.

BY THE COMMISSION



Dale Hardy Roberts  
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

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Lumpe, Ch., Crumpton,  
Murray, and Drainer,  
CC., Concur.

Roberts, Chief Regulatory Law Judge

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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION