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

In the Matter of the Application of LDM Systems,)
Inc. for a Certificate of Service Authority to)
Provide Resold Local Exchange Services in the) Case No. TA-98-199
State of Missouri and for Designation as a)
Competitive Telecommunications Company.)
)

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

LDM Systems, Inc. (LDM) filed an application on November 13, 1997, for a certificate of service authority to provide basic local telecommunications service in the State of Missouri under 4 CSR 240-2.060(4). Specifically, LDM wishes to provide resold services in all the exchanges currently served by Southwestern Bell Telephone Company. The Commission issued an Order and Notice on November 24, directing interested parties to file applications to intervene no later than December 23.

The following parties filed timely applications to intervene:

The Small Telephone Company Group (STCG)
(BPS Telephone Company, Cass County Telephone Company, Citizens Telephone Company of Higginsville, Missouri, Inc., Craw-Kan Telephone Cooperative, Inc., Ellington Telephone Company, Farber Telephone Company, Goodman Telephone Company, Granby Telephone Company, Grand River Mutual Telephone Corporation, Green Hills Telephone Corporation, Holway Telephone Company, KLM Telephone Company, Kingdom Telephone Company, Lathrop Telephone Company, Le-Ru Telephone Company, Mark Twain Rural Telephone Company, McDonald County Telephone Company, Miller Telephone Company, New Florence Telephone Company, New London Telephone Company, Orchard Farm Telephone Company, Oregon Farmers Mutual Telephone Company, Ozark Telephone Company, Rock Port Telephone Company, Seneca Telephone Company, Steelville Telephone Exchange, Inc., and Stoutland Telephone Company);

Fidelity Telephone Company (Fidelity);

Bourbeuse Telephone Company (Bourbeuse); and
Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (SWBT).

The STCG, Fidelity and Bourbeuse state that granting or denying a certificate of service authority to LDM may involve setting policies and procedures which will have an effect on all subsequent applications of this type and which will directly affect the companies' interests as telecommunications services providers in Missouri. The STCG, Fidelity and Bourbeuse assert their intervention would be in the public interest because of their expertise and experience in providing telecommunications services in Missouri.

SWBT states that it has a direct interest in the Commission's decision in this case 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 applications and finds that they are in substantial compliance with Commission rules regarding intervention and that the applicants each have an interest in this matter which is different from that of the general public. The Commission concludes that these requests for intervention should be granted and that the parties should file a proposed procedural schedule. The procedural schedule must include either dates for the filing of testimony and for a hearing, or a date for the filing of a Stipulation and Agreement. 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).

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

1. That the following parties are granted intervention in this case in accordance with 4 CSR 240-2.075(4):

The Small Telephone Company Group

(BPS Telephone Company, Cass County Telephone Company, Citizens Telephone Company of Higginsville, Missouri, Inc., Craw-Kan Telephone Cooperative, Inc., Ellington Telephone Company, Farber Telephone Company, Goodman Telephone Company, Granby Telephone Company, Grand River Mutual Telephone Corporation, Green Hills Telephone Corporation, Holway Telephone Company, KLM Telephone Company, Kingdom Telephone Company, Lathrop Telephone Company, Le-Ru Telephone Company, Mark Twain Rural Telephone Company, McDonald County Telephone Company, Miller Telephone Company, New Florence Telephone Company, New London Telephone Company, Orchard Farm Telephone Company, Oregon Farmers Mutual Telephone Company, Ozark Telephone Company, Rock Port Telephone Company, Seneca Telephone Company, Steelville Telephone Exchange, Inc., and Stoutland Telephone Company);

Fidelity Telephone Company;

Bourbeuse Telephone Company; and

Southwestern Bell Telephone Company.

2. That the parties shall file a proposed procedural schedule no later than January 26. The procedural schedule shall include either dates for the filing of testimony and for a hearing, or a date for the filing of a Stipulation and Agreement.

3. That this order shall become effective on January 13, 1998.

BY THE COMMISSION



Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

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Kevin F. Hennessey, 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 13th day of January, 1998.

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