

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
JEFFERSON CITY
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CASE NO: TA-2000-410

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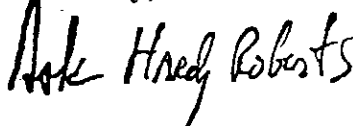
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Enclosed find certified copy of an ORDER in the above-numbered case(s).

Sincerely,



Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of AccuTel of)
Texas, Inc., for a Certificate of Service)
Authority to Provide Basic Local Telecommunica-) Case No. TA-2000-410
tions Service in Portions of the State of)
Missouri and to Classify Said Services and the)
Company as competitive.)

ORDER GRANTING INTERVENTION, SETTING PREHEARING
CONFERENCE, AND DIRECTING FILING OF PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

AccuTel of Texas, Inc. (AccuTel), filed an application on January 10, 2000, for a certificate of service authority to provide basic local exchange telecommunications services in the State of Missouri under 4 CSR 240-2.060. AccuTel wishes to provide basic local telecommunications services in exchanges currently served by Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (SWBT), Sprint Missouri, Inc., d/b/a Sprint, and GTE Midwest Incorporated (GTE). The Commission issued a notice directing interested parties to file applications to intervene no later than February 10, 2000.

Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (SWBT) filed an application to intervene on January 19, 2000. SWBT states that it has a direct interest in the Commission's decision regarding AccuTel's application because the services which AccuTel seeks Commission authority to provide will be offered in direct competition with SWBT if AccuTel's application is granted. SWBT argues that its interests as a provider of basic local exchange service differ from those of the

general public, and that no other party to this proceeding will adequately protect SWBT's interest. SWBT states that granting its application to intervene is in the public interest because SWBT will bring to this proceeding its extensive expertise and experience as a telecommunications provider.

The Commission has reviewed SWBT's 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. In order to assist in the development of the procedural schedule and to clarify the issues in dispute, an early prehearing conference will be scheduled. The procedural schedule shall 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).

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 an early prehearing conference shall be held on March 8, 2000, beginning at 10:00 a.m. The prehearing conference shall be held at the Commission's offices on the fifth floor of the Harry S Truman State Office Building, 301 West High Street,

Jefferson City, Missouri. Anyone wishing to intervene who has special needs as addressed by the Americans with Disabilities Act should contact the Missouri Public Service Commission at least ten (10) days before the prehearing conference at: Consumer Services Hotline - 1-800-392-4211 or TDD Hotline - 1-800-829-7541.

3. That the parties shall file a proposed procedural schedule no later than March 28, 2000.

4. That this order shall become effective on March 7, 2000.

BY THE COMMISSION



Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

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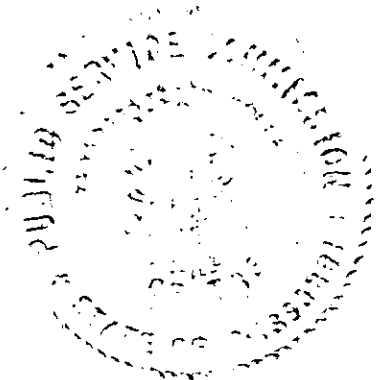
Vicky Ruth, Regulatory Law Judge,
by delegation of authority pursuant
to 4 CSR 240-2.120(1) (November 30,
1995) and Section 386.240, RSMo 1994.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 25th day of February, 2000.

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

I have compared the preceding copy with the original on file in this office and
I do hereby certify the same to be a true copy therefrom and the whole thereof.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission, at Jefferson City,
Missouri, this 25th day of FEBRUARY 2000.



Dale Hardy Roberts

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Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge