

**STATE OF MISSOURI
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CASE NO: TA-2000-521

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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

In the Matter of the Application of @link)
 Networks, Inc., for a Certificate of Service)
 Authority to Provide Basic Local Telecommunica-) **Case No. TA-2000-521**
 tions Services in the State of Missouri and for)
 Competitive Classification.)

On June 30, 2000, Applicant @link Networks, Inc. (@link) on behalf of all the parties filed a proposed procedural schedule. The Commission has reviewed the proposed schedule and finds the dates appropriate for this case. Therefore, the Commission adopts the proposed schedule and finds that the following conditions should be applied to the schedule:

(A) The Commission will require the prefiling of testimony as defined in 4 CSR 240-2.130. All parties shall comply with this rule, including the requirement that testimony be filed on line-numbered pages. The practice of prefiling testimony is designed to give parties notice of the claims, contentions and evidence in issue and to avoid unnecessary objections and delays caused by allegations of unfair surprise at the hearing.

(B) The parties shall agree on and file a list of issues to be determined herein by the Commission. Staff shall be responsible for actually drafting and filing the list of issues and the other parties shall cooperate with Staff in the development thereof. Any issue not included in

the issues list will be presumed to not require determination by the Commission.

(C) Each party shall file a list of the witnesses to appear on each day of the hearing and the order in which they shall be called. The parties shall establish the order of cross examination and file a joint pleading indicating the same.

(D) Each party shall file a statement of its position on each disputed issue, including a summary of the factual and legal points relied on by the party. Such statement shall be simple and concise, shall follow the issues set out in the issues list, and shall not contain argument about why the party believes its position to be the correct one. The position statement shall be filed in both paper form and electronically, either on computer disk or by e-mail. Electronically-submitted documents shall be in Word, WordPerfect, or ASCII format. The Regulatory Law Judge's e-mail address is: ktomp099@mail.state.mo.us.

(E) The Commission's general policy provides for the filing of the transcript within two weeks after the hearing. If any party seeks to expedite the filing of the transcript, such request shall be tendered in writing to the Regulatory Law Judge at least five days prior to the date of the hearing.

(F) All pleadings, briefs and amendments shall be filed in accordance with 4 CSR 240-2.080. The briefs to be submitted by the parties shall follow the same list of issues as filed in the case. The briefs must set forth and cite the proper portions of the record concerning the remaining unresolved issues that are to be decided by the Commission. Each

principal brief shall not exceed 30 pages in length; reply briefs shall not exceed 15 pages in length. The presiding officer will establish a briefing schedule at the close of the hearing.

(G) All parties are required to bring an adequate number of copies of exhibits which they intend to offer into evidence at the hearing. If an exhibit has been prefiled, only three copies of the exhibit are necessary for the court reporter. If an exhibit has not been prefiled, the party offering it should bring, in addition to the three copies for the court reporter, copies for the five Commissioners, the regulatory law judge, and all counsel.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the following procedural schedule is adopted for this case:

Applicant's Direct Testimony	-	November 1, 2000 4:00 p.m.
Rebuttal Testimony, All Other Parties	-	December 6, 2000 4:00 p.m.
Surrebuttal Testimony	-	January 3, 2001 4:00 p.m.
Prehearing Conference	-	January 17, 2001 10:00 a.m.
List of Issues, List of Witnesses, Order of Cross	-	January 24, 2001 4:00 p.m.
Position Statements of All Parties	-	January 31, 2001 4:00 p.m.
Evidentiary Hearing	-	February 13-14, 2001 8:00 a.m.

The hearing and prehearing conference will be held at the Commission's offices in Jefferson City, Missouri, and will be held in a building that meets accessibility standards required by the Americans With Disabilities Act. If you need additional accommodations to participate in the prehearing or hearing, please call the Public Service Commission's Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or 1-800-829-7541 (TDD) prior to the hearing.

2. That this order shall become effective on August 11, 2000.

BY THE COMMISSION



Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

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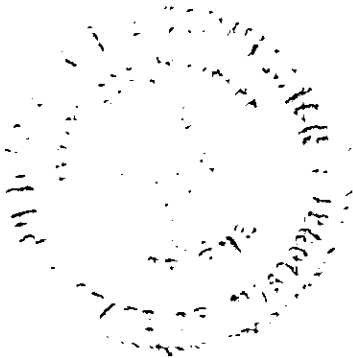
Kevin A. Thompson, Deputy Chief
Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation
of authority pursuant to
Section 386.240, RSMo 1994.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 1st day of August, 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 1st day of Aug. 2000.



Dale Hardy Roberts

Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge