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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of Central)
Missouri Telecommunications, Inc., for a)
Certificate of Service Authority to Provide)
Basic Local Exchange Telecommunications) Case No. TA-99-317
Services and Local Exchange Telecommunica-)
tions Services in the State of Missouri and)
to Classify said Services as Competitive.)

ORDER SETTING PREHEARING CONFERENCE
AND REQUIRING FILING OF PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

On January 27, 1999, Central Missouri Telecommunications, Inc. (CMT), a Delaware corporation authorized to transact business in Missouri, filed its application with the Commission seeking authority to provide basic local exchange telecommunications services and local exchange telecommunications services throughout the exchanges served by Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (SWBT) and Sprint Missouri, Inc., doing business as Sprint (Sprint). On February 3, 1999, SWBT filed an application to intervene, which the Commission granted on February 9, 1999.

The intervention period closed on March 4, 1999, and no further requests to intervene have been received. This matter is now at issue and a prehearing conference and procedural schedule are appropriate to ensure its prompt resolution. At the prehearing conference, the parties' representatives should be prepared to discuss the nature of any discovery each will conduct and the interval necessary for its completion; the number of witnesses each expects to call at hearing; the number and nature of any exhibits each expects to

offer at hearing; and the anticipated length of the hearing. The parties' representatives should also be prepared to discuss the current status of settlement negotiations. It is intended that the prehearing conference will also provide an opportunity to the parties to continue settlement discussions.

The parties shall jointly prepare and file a proposed procedural schedule. The proposed procedural schedule shall establish dates for the prefiling of direct, rebuttal and surrebuttal testimony according to Commission rule, as well as a date for the filing of the hearing memorandum. The proposed procedural schedule shall also establish dates for the hearing of this matter.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That a prehearing conference shall be held on April 1, 1999, 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 attend 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.

2. That the parties shall jointly prepare and file a proposed procedural schedule no later than April 8, 1999.

3. That this order shall become effective on March 26, 1999.

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 4 CSR
240-2.120(1) (November 30, 1995) and
Section 386.240, RSMo 1994.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 16th day of March, 1999.