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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 2nd
day of July, 1998.

In the Matter of the Investigation into the)
Overearnings of Northeast Missouri Rural) Case No. TO-98-216
Telephone Company.)
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SECOND ORDER SUSPENDING TARIFFS

Northeast Missouri Rural Telephone Company (NMRTC) filed a proposed tariff (File No. 9800470) on December 8, 1997, for Commission approval. This tariff filing would implement the rate restructuring plan proposed in the nonunanimous Stipulation and Agreement (Agreement) that was filed by the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) on November 21, 1997. Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (SWBT) opposed the rate restructuring proposed in the Agreement, and requested a hearing on the Agreement, which the Commission granted. On January 6, the Commission suspended the effective date of the tariff to July 7. The Commission held an evidentiary hearing concerning the proposed Agreement on May 11. NMRTC filed a pleading on May 18 indicating that it consented to a further suspension of its tariff for up to 60 days. Initial briefs were filed on June 8, and reply briefs were filed on June 18.

The Commission notes that the time between the submission of the case and the tariff's current effective date is short and that NMRTC has consented to a further suspension for up to 60 days. The Commission finds that the proposed tariff should be suspended in its entirety for a period of 30 days beyond the current effective date of July 7 to

August 6, or until otherwise ordered by this Commission. This will give the Commission adequate time to review the record and render its decision concerning the proposed Agreement.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the effective date of the following tariff sheets, submitted by Northeast Missouri Rural Telephone Company on December 8, 1997, is suspended to August 6, 1998, or until otherwise ordered by this Commission:

P.S.C. MO. No. 1 Consolidated

4th Revised Sheet No. A.1 Canceling 3rd Revised Sheet No. A.1
4th Revised Sheet No. A.1.1 Canceling 3rd Revised Sheet No. A.1.1

2. That this order shall become effective on July 6, 1998.

BY THE COMMISSION



Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

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Lumpe, Ch., Crumpton, Drainer,
Murray and Schemenauer, CC.,
concur.

Randles, Regulatory Law Judge

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