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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 5th
day of August, 1998.

In the Matter of the Investigation into)	
the Overearnings of Northeast Missouri)	<u>Case No. TO-98-216</u> ✓
Rural Telephone Company.)	
In the Matter of the Proposed Tariff)	
Sheets of Northeast Missouri Rural)	<u>Case No. TT-98-277</u>
Telephone Company.)	

THIRD 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. On July 2, the Commission suspended the tariff for an additional 30 days to August 6 in order to give the Commission adequate time to review the record and render its decision concerning the proposed Agreement.

The Commission has reviewed the record and is in the process of rendering its decision. However, the Commission requires additional time to render its decision and, therefore, the Commission finds that it should further suspend the tariff for an additional 15 days to August 21.

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 21, 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 August 5, 1998.

BY THE COMMISSION



Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

(S E A L)

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

Randles, Regulatory Law Judge