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#### BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

#### OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of an Investigation of Payphone )
Issues Pursuant to the Telecommunications Act of )

Case No. TW-98-207
)

# ORDER GRANTING PARTICIPATION AND GIVING NOTICE OF APPEARANCES PRO HAC VICE

On December 9, 1997, the Commission established this case for the purpose of investigating certain issues concerning the regulation of pay telephones in Missouri. The Order directed anyone interested in participating to file a "Notice of Participation" no later than January 9.

The following parties filed timely notices of participation:

AT&T Communications of the Southwest, Inc. Brooks Fiber Communications of Missouri, Inc.; Coin Telco Inc.;

COMPTEL-Mo (CGI; Consolidated Communications Telecom Services, Inc.; Dial U.S.; LDD, Inc.; WorldCom, Inc.; and Valu-Line of St. Joseph, Inc.);

GTE Midwest Incorporated;

Kansas Payphone Association;

MCI Telecommunications Corporation;

Midwest Independent Coin Payphone Association (Afford-A-Call; B.N.L. Communications; JOLTRAN Communications; TRL PRO; Vision Comm; Missouri PayPhones; Missouri Telephone & Telegram; PayTel, Inc.; Phonely, Corp; PhoneTel Technologies, Inc.; ELCOTEL, INC.; INTELLICALL; TELTRUST Communications Service; and Y.A.P. Communications);

Premier Pay Phone, L.L.C.;

The Small Telephone Company Group (Bourbeuse Telephone Company, BPS Telephone Company, Cass County Telephone Company, Citizens Telephone Company of Higginsville, Missouri, Inc., Craw-Kan Telephone Cooperative, Inc., Fidelity Telephone Company, Goodman Telephone Company, Grand River Mutual Telephone Corporation, Green Hills Telephone Corporation, Iamo Telephone Company, Kingdom Telephone Company, Lathrop Telephone Company, McDonald County Telephone Company, Miller

Telephone Company, New Florence Telephone Company, New London Telephone Company, Orchard Farm Telephone Company, Ozark Telephone Company, Seneca Telephone Company, Steelville Telephone Exchange, Inc., and Stoutland Telephone Company);

Southwestern Bell Telephone Company; Sprint Communications Company L.P.; Sprint Missouri, Inc.; and State of Missouri, Office of Administration.

The Commission also received a late-filed application for participation from The Mid-Missouri Group of Local Exchange Telephone Companies (Mid-Mo Group). The Mid-Mo Group's Motion to File Out-of-Time for participation indicates the group's attorney only recently became aware that this case had been established. The Mid-Mo Group requests the Commission accept its Notice of Participation out-of-time, stating its participation will not prejudice the other participants. In the interest of obtaining as large a variety of participants as possible, the Commission will grant the Mid-Mo Group's Motion to File Out-of-Time.

The Commission has reviewed all the notices and finds that they are in substantial compliance with Commission rules regarding participation. The Commission notes that 4 CSR 240-2.075 is unclear regarding whether an association requesting participation in a proceeding must file the names of its members as an appendix to its request. The notice filed by the Kansas Payphone Association (KPA) does not include a list of the members represented by KPA. As the rule is unclear, the Commission will require KPA to file a list of its members forthwith, but will not deny participation at this time. The Commission concludes that all the requests for participation should be granted. Finally, the Commission also gives

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The following companies comprise the Mid-Missouri Group of Local Exchange Telephone Companies: Alma Telephone Company, Chariton Valley Telephone Corporation, Choctaw Telephone Company, Mid-Missouri Telephone Company, Mo-Kan Dial, Inc., Modern Telecommunications Company, Northeast Missouri Rural Telephone Company and Peace Valley Telephone Company.

notice that the following attorneys have complied with 4 CSR 240-2.040 (6) and will be appearing *pro hac vice*: Julie Thomas Bowles, Stephen F. Morris, and John Rosacker.

#### THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

- 1. That the Mid-Missouri Group of Local Exchange Telephone Companies' Motion to File Out-of-Time is granted.
- 2. That the Kansas Payphone Association shall file the names of its members with the Commission no later than February 13, 1998.
- 3. That the following parties are granted participation in this case in accordance with 4 CSR 240-2.075(5):

AT&T Communications of the Southwest, Inc.;

Brooks Fiber Communications of Missouri, Inc.;

Coin Telco Inc.;

#### COMPTEL-MO

(CGI; Consolidated Communications Telecom Services, Inc.; Dial U.S.; LDD, Inc.; WorldCom, Inc.; and Valu-Line of St. Joseph, Inc.);

GTE Midwest Incorporated;

Kansas Payphone Association;

MCI Telecommunications Corporation;

## The Mid-Missouri Group of Local Exchange Telephone Companies

(Alma Telephone Company, Chariton Valley Telephone Corporation, Choctaw Telephone Company, Mid-Missouri Telephone Company, Mo-Kan Dial, Inc., Modern Telecommunications Company, Northeast Missouri Rural Telephone Company and Peace Valley Telephone Company);

Midwest Independent Coin Payphone Association

(Afford-A-Call; B.N.L. Communications; JOLTRAN Communications; TRL PRO; Vision Comm; Missouri PayPhones; Missouri Telephone & Telegram; PayTel, Inc.; Phonely, Corp; PhoneTel Technologies, Inc.; ELCOTEL, INC.; INTELLICALL; TELTRUST Communications Service; and Y.A.P. Communications);

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Southwestern Bell Telephone Company;

Sprint Communications Company L.P.;

Sprint Missouri, Inc.; and

State of Missouri, Office of Administration.

- 4. That Julie Thomas Bowles, Stephen F. Morris, and John Rosacker have complied with 4 CSR 240-2.040(6) and will be appearing pro hac vice.
  - 5. That this order shall be effective on February 2, 1998.

BY THE COMMISSION

Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

(SEAL)

Kevin F. Hennessey, 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 2nd day of February, 1998.

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