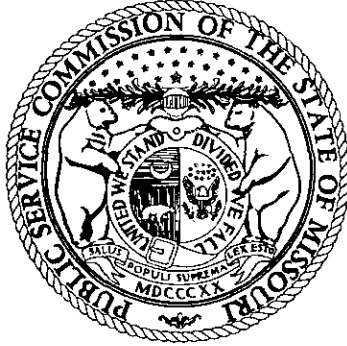


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ADMINISTRATIVE

LAW JUDGES: Amy E. Randles and Elaine E. Bensavage.

REPORT AND ORDER

Procedural History

Preferred Carrier Services, Inc. (PCS) applied to the Commission on February 24, 1997, for a certificate of service authority to provide basic local telecommunications service and local exchange telecommunications services in Missouri under Sections 392.420 - .440, RSMo 1994,¹ and Sections 392.410 and .450, RSMo Supp. 1996. PCS asked the Commission to classify it as a competitive company and waive certain statutes and rules as authorized by Sections 392.361 and 392.420. PCS is a Texas corporation with offices at 500 Grapevine Highway, Suite 300, Hurst, Texas.

The Commission issued an Order and Notice on March 10 directing parties wishing to intervene in the case to do so by April 9. The Commission granted permission to intervene to the following entities on April 24:

Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (SWBT)
The Small Telephone Company Group²
Bourbeuse Telephone Company
Fidelity Telephone Company

The parties filed a Stipulation and Agreement on June 13. The Commission Staff filed Suggestions in Support of the Stipulation and

¹ All statutory references are to Revised Statutes of Missouri 1994 unless otherwise indicated.

² BPS Telephone Company, Cass County Telephone Company, Citizens Telephone Company of Higginsville, Missouri, Inc., Craw-Kan Telephone Cooperative, Inc., Ellington Telephone Company, Farber Telephone Company, Goodman Telephone Company, Inc., Granby Telephone Company, Grand River Mutual Telephone Corporation, Green Hills Telephone Corporation, Holway Telephone Company, KLM Telephone Company, Kingdom Telephone Company, Lathrop Telephone Company, Le-Ru Telephone Company, Mark Twain Rural Telephone Company, McDonald County Telephone Company, Miller Telephone Company, New Florence Telephone Company, New London Telephone Company, Orchard Farm Telephone Company, Oregon Farmers Mutual Telephone Company, Ozark Telephone Company, Rock Port Telephone Company, Seneca Telephone Company, Steelville Telephone Exchange, Inc., and Stoutland Telephone Company.

Agreement on June 20. In the Stipulation and Agreement, the parties waived their rights to present testimony, to cross-examine witnesses, to present oral argument or written briefs, to have the transcript read by the Commission, to seek rehearing, and to seek judicial review. The requirement for a hearing is met when the opportunity for hearing has been provided and no proper party has requested the opportunity to present evidence. State ex rel. Rex Deffenderfer Enterprises, Inc. v. Public Service Commission, 776 S.W.2d 494 (Mo. App. 1989). Since no one has requested a hearing in this case, the Commission may grant the relief requested based on the verified application.

Background

PCS, which was certificated to provide intrastate interexchange services in Missouri in Case No. TA-96-364, wishes certification to provide resold basic local telecommunications service and local exchange telecommunications services as well³. Local exchange services are considered competitive services and are subject to different rules and statutory requirements than are basic local services. Therefore, they will be considered separately in the discussion below.

PCS wants to provide basic local services in portions of Missouri that are currently served by SWBT, GTE Midwest Incorporated (GTE) and United Telephone Company of Missouri d/b/a Sprint (Sprint). PCS is not

³The application does not mention the term "basic" but otherwise includes allegations sufficient to state a claim for a basic local telecommunications service certificate of service authority. Furthermore, the body of the parties' Stipulation and Agreement, and the caption and body of the Staff's suggestions in support of the stipulation, suggest that PCS seeks a certificate of service authority to provide both local exchange and basic local telecommunications service. Therefore, despite the ambiguity in PCS's application, the application will be treated as one for a certificate of service authority for local and basic local service under Section 392.455, RSMo Supp. 1996.

asking for certification in any area that is served by a small incumbent local exchange provider. The specific exchanges in which PCS proposes to operate are described in Exhibit 4 to the application that was filed on February 24 (Attachment A to this order). PCS is requesting that its local and basic local exchange services be classified as competitive and that the application of certain statutes and regulatory rules be waived.

Discussion

A. Requirements of 4 CSR 240-2.060(4)

Commission rule 4 CSR 240-2.060(4) requires a foreign corporation applying for certification to provide telecommunications services to include in its application a certificate from the Secretary of State showing it is authorized to do business in Missouri, a description of the types of service it intends to provide, a description of the exchanges where it will offer service, and a proposed tariff with a 45-day effective date. PCS has provided all the required documentation except for the proposed tariff. The company has requested a temporary waiver of 4 CSR 240-2.060(4)(H) because it is impractical for PCS to submit a tariff until it has executed interconnection agreements with the incumbent local exchange companies (ILECs) involved.⁴ PCS cannot price its resold services until it has reached price agreements with the ILECs from which it will purchase those services. The company has agreed that, once it is possible to do so, it will submit to the Commission for approval a proposed tariff with a minimum 30-day effective date. PCS will file the tariff in Case

⁴On April 18, the Commission issued an order approving an interconnection agreement between PCS and SWBT (Case No. TO-97-295). PCS has not submitted an interconnection agreement with GTE or Sprint for Commission review to date.

No. TA-97-347 and give notice of the tariff filing to all the parties and participants. Along with that filing PCS has agreed to provide a written disclosure of all interconnection agreements it has entered into which affect its Missouri service areas.

B. Local Exchange Certification

The Commission finds that PCS's entry into competition in the local exchange telecommunications market is in the public interest and the company should be granted a certificate of service authority. The Commission finds that the local exchange services PCS proposes to offer are competitive and the company should be classified as a competitive company. The Commission is of the opinion that waiving the statutes and Commission rules set out in Ordered Paragraph 3 is reasonable and not detrimental to the public interest.

The Commission determines, by authority of Section 392.470, that PCS should comply with the following regulatory requirements as reasonable and necessary conditions of certification:

- (1) Applicant must comply with reasonable requests by Staff for financial and operating data to allow Staff to monitor the intraLATA toll market. § 386.320.3.
- (2) Applicant must file tariffs containing rules and regulations applicable to customers, a description of the services provided, and a list of rates associated with those services in accordance with 4 CSR 240-30.010 and § 392.220.
- (3) Applicant may not unjustly discriminate between its customers. §§ 392.200, 392.400.
- (4) Applicant must comply with all applicable rules of the Commission except those specifically waived by this order. §§ 386.570, 392.360.
- (5) Applicant must file a Missouri-specific annual report. §§ 392.210, 392.390.1.

- (6) Applicant must comply with jurisdictional reporting requirements as set out in each local exchange company's access services tariffs. § 392.390.3.
- (7) Applicant must submit to the Staff, on a confidential basis, a copy of the jurisdictional report it submits to local exchange companies. The report must be submitted within ten (10) days of the date on which it is submitted to the local exchange company.

C. Basic Local Service Certification

Section 392.455, RSMo Supp. 1996, sets out the requirements for granting certificates to provide basic local telecommunications service to new entrants. A new entrant must: (1) possess sufficient technical, financial and managerial resources and abilities to provide basic local telecommunications service; (2) demonstrate that the services it proposes to offer satisfy the minimum standards established by the Commission; (3) set forth the geographic area in which it proposes to offer service and demonstrate that such area follows exchange boundaries of the incumbent local exchange telecommunications company and is no smaller than an exchange; and (4) offer basic local telecommunications service as a separate and distinct service. In addition, the Commission must give due consideration to equitable access for all Missourians to affordable telecommunications services, regardless of where they live or their income.

1. Technical, financial and managerial resources and abilities.

PCS submitted Exhibit 2 with its application that lists the names and qualifications of its management team. In addition to academic credentials, the team members have experience in various areas of the telecommunications industry including technical and engineering, programming, customer services, accounting, marketing and finance. PCS also submitted as Exhibit 3 its November 30, 1996, balance sheet and its statement of operations for the eleven months ending November 30, 1996.

Exhibit 3 also included the company's balance sheet, statements of income and retained earnings, and statement of cash flows, covering the years ending December 31, 1994, and December 31, 1995. In the Stipulation and agreement, PCS asserted that it possesses sufficient technical, financial and managerial resources and abilities to provide basic local telecommunications service. No party made contrary assertions.

2. The entrant's proposed services satisfy the minimum standards established by the Commission. PCS stated in its application that the basic local exchange services it will provide will be "equal to or superior to the quality of the local telecommunications services that customers in the state of Missouri are currently receiving from the incumbent providers." PCS will rely on the network of the ILECs to provide resold services. PCS has agreed to meet the Commission's minimum basic local service standards, including quality of service and billing standards and tariff requirements. The parties agreed that PCS proposes to offer basic local services that satisfy the minimum standards established by the Commission.

3. The geographic area in which the company proposes to offer services. PCS set out in its Exhibit 4 all the exchanges in which it proposes to offer services. PCS has defined its service area by means of the tariffed exchange areas of the ILECs presently providing basic local service in those exchanges. Exhibit 4 consists of Commission-approved tariff sheets filed by SWBT, GTE and Sprint, and describing local exchanges. The company has agreed that its service area must follow ILEC exchange boundaries and be no smaller than an exchange. The parties agreed that PCS has sufficiently identified the geographic area in which it

proposes to offer basic local service and that the area follows ILEC exchange boundaries and is no smaller than an exchange.

4. **The offering of basic local telecommunications service as a separate and distinct service.** PCS has agreed to offer basic local telecommunications service as a separate and distinct service.

5. **Equitable access for all Missourians to affordable telecommunications services.** PCS has agreed to provide equitable access, as determined by the Commission, for all Missourians within the geographic area in which it will offer basic local services in compliance with Section 392.455(5), RSMo Supp. 1996.

D. Competitive Classification

The Commission may classify a telecommunications provider as a competitive company if the Commission determines it is subject to sufficient competition to justify a lesser degree of regulation. § 392.361.2. In making that determination the Commission may consider such factors as market share, financial resources and name recognition, among others. In the matter of the investigation for the purpose of determining the classification of the services provided by interexchange companies within the State of Missouri, 30 Mo. P.S.C. (N.S.) 16 (1989); In the matter of Southwestern Bell Telephone Company's application for classification of certain services as transitionally competitive, 1 Mo. P.S.C. 3d 479, 484 (1992). In addition, all the services a competitive company provides must be classified as competitive. § 392.361.3. The Commission has found that whether a service is competitive is a subject for case-by-case examination and that different criteria may be given greater weight depending upon the service being considered. Id. at 487.

The parties have agreed that PCS should be classified as a competitive telecommunications company. The parties have also agreed that PCS's switched exchange access services may be classified as a competitive service, conditioned upon certain limitations on PCS's ability to charge for its access services. PCS has agreed that, unless otherwise ordered by the Commission, its originating and terminating access rates will be no greater than the lowest Commission-approved corresponding access rates in effect at the date of certification for the large incumbent LECs within those service areas in which PCS seeks to operate. The parties have agreed that the grant of service authority and competitive classification to PCS should be expressly conditioned on the continued applicability of Section 392.200, RSMo Supp. 1996, and on the requirement that any increases in switched access services rates above the maximum switched access service rates set forth in the agreement must be cost-justified pursuant to Sections 392.220, RSMo Supp. 1996, and 392.230, rather than Sections 392.500 and 392.510.

The parties agreed that waiver of the following statutes is appropriate: Sections 392.210.2, 392.270, 392.280, 392.290.1, 392.300.2, 392.310, 392.320, 392.330, RSMo Supp. 1996, and 392.340. The parties also agreed that application of these Commission rules could be waived: 4 CSR 240-10.020, 4 CSR 240-30.040(1-3,5-6), and 4 CSR 240-35.⁵

⁵The parties did not explain why the set of statutes and regulations they agreed to differed from the set of statutes and regulations which PCS sought to have waived when it filed its application. PCS's initial request for a waiver of Section 392.240(1), and of 4 CSR 240-32.030(1)(B-C), 4 CSR 240-32.050(3-6), 4 CSR 240-33.030, 4 CSR 240-30.010(2)(C), 4 CSR 240-32.030(2), 4 CSR 240-32.070(4) and 4 CSR 240-33.040(5) was not agreed to by the parties. Given that PCS is a party to the stipulation and that the stipulation did not include an agreement to waive these provisions, PCS's original request for waiver of these provisions is deemed abandoned and its original request is denied.

Findings of Fact

The Missouri Public Service Commission, having considered all of the competent and substantial evidence upon the whole record, makes the following findings of fact:

1. The Commission finds that competition in the local exchange and basic local exchange telecommunications markets is in the public interest.
2. The Commission finds that PCS has met the requirements of 4 CSR 240-2.060(4) for applicants for certificates of service authority to provide telecommunications services with the exception of the filing of a tariff with a 45-day effective date.
3. The Commission finds that PCS has demonstrated good cause to support a temporary waiver of the tariff filing requirement and the waiver shall be granted.
4. The Commission finds that the local exchange services market is competitive and that granting PCS a certificate of service authority to provide local exchange telecommunications services is in the public interest. PCS's certificate should become effective when its tariff becomes effective.
5. The Commission finds that PCS meets the statutory requirements for provision of basic local telecommunications services and has agreed to abide by those requirements in the future. The Commission determines that granting PCS a certificate of service authority to provide basic local exchange telecommunications services is in the public interest. PCS's

certificate should become effective when its tariff becomes effective.

6. The Commission finds that PCS is a competitive company and should be granted waiver of the statutes and rules set out in Ordered paragraph 3.
7. The Commission finds that PCS's certification and competitive status are expressly conditioned upon the continued applicability of Section 392.200, RSMo Supp. 1996, and on the requirement that any increases in switched access services rates above the maximum switched access service rates set forth in the agreement must be cost-justified pursuant to Sections 392.220, RSMo Supp. 1996, and 392.230, rather than Sections 392.500 and 392.510.

Conclusions of Law

The Missouri Public Service Commission has reached the following conclusions of law:

The Commission has the authority to grant certificates of service authority to provide telecommunications service within the state of Missouri. PCS has requested certification under Sections 392.420 - .440, and Sections 392.410 and .450, RSMo Supp. 1996. Those statutes permit the Commission to grant a certificate of service authority where the grant of authority is in the public interest. Sections 392.361 and .420 authorize the Commission to modify or suspend the application of its rules and certain statutory provisions for companies classified as competitive or transitionally competitive.

The Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 and Section 392.455, RSMo Supp. 1996, were designed to institute competition in the basic local

exchange telecommunications market in order to benefit all telecommunications consumers. Section 392.185, RSMo Supp. 1996, states that "the provisions of this chapter shall be construed to: (1) Promote universally available and widely affordable telecommunications services; . . . (3) Promote diversity in the supply of telecommunications services and products throughout the state of Missouri; . . . (6) Allow full and fair competition to function as a substitute for regulation when consistent with the protection of ratepayers and otherwise consistent with the public interest. . . ."

The Commission has the legal authority to accept a Stipulation and agreement as offered by the parties as a resolution of the issues raised in this case, pursuant to Section 536.060, RSMo Supp. 1996. Based upon the information contained within the Stipulation and Agreement of the parties and on its findings of fact, the Commission concludes that the Stipulation and Agreement should be approved.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That Preferred Carrier Services, Inc. is granted a certificate of service authority to provide local exchange telecommunications services in the state of Missouri, subject to the conditions of certification set out above, to become effective when the company's tariff becomes effective.

2. That Preferred Carrier Services, Inc. is granted a certificate of service authority to provide basic local telecommunications services in the state of Missouri, subject to the conditions of certification set out above, to become effective when the company's tariff becomes effective.

3. That Preferred Carrier Services, Inc. is classified as a competitive telecommunications company. The following statutes and regulatory rules shall be waived:

Statutes

- 392.210.2 - uniform system of accounts
- 392.270 - valuation of property (ratemaking)
- 392.280 - depreciation of accounts
- 392.290.1 - issuance of securities
- 392.300.2 - acquisition of stock
- 392.310 - stock and debt issuance
- 392.320 - stock dividend payment
- 392.330 - issuance of securities, debts and notes
- 392.340 - reorganization(s)

Commission Rules

- 4 CSR 240-10.020 - depreciation fund income
- 4 CSR 240-30.040(1-3,5-6) - uniform system of accounts
- 4 CSR 240-35 - reporting of bypass and
customer-specific arrangements

4. That the filing of a 45-day tariff as required by 4 CSR 240-2.060(4)(H) is waived until Preferred Carrier Services, Inc. has entered into Commission-approved interconnection agreements that enable it to provide basic local exchange services.

5. That Preferred Carrier Services, Inc. shall file tariff sheets for approval reflecting the rates, rules, regulations and the services it will offer within 30 days after Commission approval of the necessary interconnection agreement(s). The tariffs shall be filed in Case No. TA-97-347 and shall include a listing of the statutes and Commission rules waived under Ordered Paragraph 3.

6. That Preferred Carrier Services, Inc. shall give notice of the filing of the tariffs described in Ordered Paragraph 5 as set out in the Stipulation and Agreement. In addition, Preferred Carrier Services, Inc. shall file a written disclosure of all interconnection agreements which affect its Missouri service areas, all portions of Missouri service areas for which it does not have an interconnection agreement, and an explanation of why no interconnection agreement is necessary for those areas.

7. That the Stipulation and agreement submitted by the parties on June 13, 1997, is approved.

8. That Preferred Carrier Services, Inc.'s certification and competitive status are expressly conditioned upon the continued applicability of Section 392.200, RSMo Supp. 1996, and on the requirement that any increases in switched access services rates above the maximum switched access service rates set forth in the agreement must be cost-justified pursuant to Sections 392.220, RSMo Supp. 1996, and 392.230, rather than Sections 392.500 and 392.510.

9. That the caption of this case is amended to "In the Matter of the Application of Preferred Carrier Services, Inc., for a Certificate of Service Authority to Provide Local and Basic Local Telecommunications Services and to Classify Such Services as Competitive".

10. That this Report And Order shall become effective on September 30, 1997.

BY THE COMMISSION



**Cecil I. Wright
Executive Secretary**

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

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 18th day of September, 1997.

EXHIBIT 4

PREFERRED CARRIER SERVICES, INC.

LIST OF EXCHANGES

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B. EXCHANGES IN EACH RATE GROUP IN "A" ABOVE

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Malta Bend
Newburg
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Tarkio
Wellington

Blackburn
Camden Point
Clarksburg
Deepwater
Green Ridge
Hopkins
Kingsville
Missouri City
Morborne
Russellville
Sweet Springs
Tipton

Blainstom
Centertown
Coal
Edgerton
Hardin
Houstonia
Leeton
Montrase
Orrick
St. Thomas
Syracuse
Urich

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Centerville
Craig
Eugene
Henrietta
Jonia
Lincoln
New Bloomfield
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Smithton
Taps
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Buckner
Holden
Lone Jack
Pleasant Hill
Weston

Butler
Kearney
Mound City
Richland
Windsor

California
Lake Lotawana
Odessa
St. Robert

Cole Camp
Lexington
Platte City
Waynesville

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III

Clinton
Lebanon
Salem

Ferryview
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Oak Grove
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LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE

G. Local Exchange Listings

1. Exchange Listings (Includes EAS Points, EAS Rate Component, Rate Schedule and Rate Group)

Exchange Name	EAS Points	EAS Rate Component		Rate Sch./Group
		Sus.	Res.	
Alton	Thomasville	\$ 1.80	\$ 1.80	A-2
Amazonia	Savannah	4.50	2.45	A-1
Annapolis	-	-	-	A-1
Arcola	Greenfield	3.20	3.20	A-1
Ashland	Columbia	2.65	1.55	A-2
Augusta	-	-	-	Metro
Aurora	-	-	-	A-3
Ava	-	-	-	A-3
Avenue City	Cosby, Kalena, Savannah	4.90	2.65	A-1
Avilla	-	-	-	A-1
Belgrade	-	-	-	A-1
Belle	-	-	-	A-2
Bellevue	-	-	-	A-1
Birch Tree	-	-	-	A-1
Bland	-	-	-	A-1
Blue Eye	-	-	-	A-2
Bolckow	Rosendale, Savannah, Whitesville	6.55	3.75	A-1
Boss	-	-	-	A-1
Bourbon	-	-	-	A-2
Bradleyville	Forsyth	.75	.75	A-1
Branson	Branson West	1.65	1.55	A-4
Branson West	Branson	2.65	2.65	A-2

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6. Local Exchange Listings (Cont'd)

1. Exchange Listings (Includes EAS Points, EAS Rate Component, Rate Schedule and Rate Group) (Cont'd)

Exchange Name	EAS Points	EAS Rate Component		Rate Sch./Group
		Sus.	Res.	
Brayser	-	-	-	A-1
Bronaugh-Moundville	-	-	-	A-1
Brunswick (Triplatt)	-	-	-	A-1
Buffalo	-	-	-	A-3
Bunker	-	-	-	A-1
Cabool	-	-	-	A-2
Caledonia	-	-	-	A-1
Cameron	Kidder	\$.40	\$.20	A-3
Canton	-	-	-	A-2
Cape Fair	-	-	-	A-2
Cassville	Exeter, Jenkins, Hano, Washburn	2.90	2.90	A-3
Caulfield	Stinesville	3.10	3.10	A-2
Cedar Creek	Forsyth	.75	.75	A-1
Centerville	-	-	-	A-1
Centralia	Clark, Sturgeon	.55	.30	A-2
Chanois	-	-	-	A-1
Clarence	-	-	-	A-1
Clark	Centralia, Sturgeon	3.55	1.90	A-1
Clarksdale	-	-	-	A-1
Collins	-	-	-	A-1
Columbia	Ashland, Hallsville, Rocheport	.30	.15	A-5
Concordia	-	-	-	A-2
Conway	-	-	-	A-2

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G. Local Exchange Listings (Cont'd)

1. Exchange Listings (Includes EAS Points, EAS Rate Component, Rate Schedule and Rate Group) (Cont'd)

<u>Exchange Name</u>	<u>EAS Points</u>	<u>EAS Rate Component</u>		<u>Rate Sch./Group</u>
		<u>Bus.</u>	<u>Res.</u>	
Cosby	Avenue City, Helena, Savannah	\$3.45	\$3.10	A-1
Crane	-	-	-	A-2
Cross Timbers	-	-	-	A-1
Cuba	-	-	-	A-3
Dadeville	-	-	-	A-1
Galton	Keytesville	2.35	2.35	A-1
Gardenne/ Lake St. Louis	-	-	-	Metro
Defiance	-	-	-	Metro
Dora	Gainesville	3.65	3.65	A-1
Easton	Dover	1.10	.60	A-1
Edgar Springs	-	-	-	A-1
Eldorado Springs	Schall City, Walker	2.45	2.45	A-3
Elkland	Marshfield	1.90	1.90	A-1
Ellsinore	-	-	-	A-1
Elger	La Plata	3.20	3.20	A-1
Eminence	-	-	-	A-1
Everton	-	-	-	A-1
Ewing	-	-	-	A-1
Exeter	Cassville, Washburn	3.65	3.65	A-1

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<u>Exchange Name</u>	<u>EAS Points</u>	<u>EAS Rate Component</u>		<u>Rate Sch./Group</u>
		<u>Bus.</u>	<u>Res.</u>	
Fillmore	Robardsville, Savannah	15.60	53.05	A-1
Foley	Old Monroe, Winfield	3.45	3.45	A-1
Fordland	-	-	-	A-2
Foristell	Wright City	2.00	1.00	Metro
Forsyth	Bradleyville, Cedar Creek, Proctor	1.75	1.75	A-3
Fremont	-	-	-	A-1
Gainesville	Gaulfield, Oora, Theodosia, Vascia	3.65	3.65	A-2
Galena	-	-	-	A-2
Golden City	-	-	-	A-1
Gorin	-	-	-	A-1
Gower	Easton, Plattsburg	2.00	1.10	A-1
Greenfield	Arcola	1.80	1.80	A-2
Grovespring	Hartsville, Manes	3.65	3.65	A-1
Hillsville	Columbia	3.70	2.00	A-2
Hamilton	Kidder, Kingston	.80	.45	A-2
Hartsville	Grovespring, Manes	2.95	2.55	A-2
Hawk Point	Troy	3.65	2.65	A-1
Helena	Avenue City, Cosby, Savannah	5.75	2.10	A-1

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G. Local Exchange Listings (Cont'd)

1. Exchange Listings (Includes EAS Points, EAS Rate Component, Rate Schedule and Rate Group) (Cont'd)

<u>Exchange Name</u>	<u>EAS Points</u>	<u>EAS Rate Component</u>		<u>Rate Sch./Group</u>
		<u>Bus.</u>	<u>Res.</u>	
Hermann	-	-	-	A-2
Hermitage	-	-	-	A-1
High Hill	-	-	-	A-1
Highlandville	Ozark	\$2.65	\$2.65	A-2
Holstein	-	-	-	A-1
Houston	Raymondville, Roby	2.80	2.80	A-2
Humansville	-	-	-	A-2
Hunnell	-	-	-	A-1
Hurley	-	-	-	A-1
Inchdale	-	-	-	A-1
Ironton	-	-	-	A-3
Jamestown	-	-	-	A-1
Jenkins	Cassville	3.65	3.65	A-1
Jerico Springs	-	-	-	A-1
Jonesburg	-	-	-	A-1
Kahoka	Luray, Revere,			
	Wayland	.85	.80	A-2
Keytesville	Dalton	2.25	2.25	A-1
Kidder	Cameron, Hamilton	6.10	3.30	A-1
Kimberling City	-	-	-	A-2
Kingston	Hamilton	1.40	.75	A-1
Koshkonong	Thayer	2.15	2.15	A-1

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G. Local Exchange Listings (Cont'd)

1. Exchange Listings (Includes EAS Points, EAS Rate Component, Rate Schedule and Rate Group) (Cont'd)

<u>Exchange Name</u>	<u>EAS Points</u>	<u>EAS Rate Component</u>		<u>Rate Sch./Group</u>
		<u>Rur.</u>	<u>Res.</u>	
LaSelle	-	-	-	A-1
Ladonia	-	-	-	A-1
LaGrange	-	-	-	A-1
La Plata	Elmer	\$1.80	\$1.80	A-2
Lawson	-	-	-	A-2
Leasburg	-	-	-	A-1
Lesterville	-	-	-	A-1
Lewistown	-	-	-	A-1
Licking	-	-	-	A-2
Louisburg	-	-	-	A-1
Lowry City	-	-	-	A-1
Macon	-	-	-	A-3
Manas	Grovespring, Hartsville	3.65	3.65	A-1
Mano	Cassville	3.65	3.65	A-2
Mansfield	-	-	-	A-2
Marshfield	Elkland	.90	.90	A-3
Marthasville	-	-	-	A-1
Maysville	-	-	-	A-2
Memphis	Arbela, Brack, Tobin Creek	.90	.90	A-2
Milo	Nevada, Sheldon	3.65	3.65	A-1
Monroe City	-	-	-	A-2
Montauk Park	-	-	-	A-1
Monticello	-	-	-	A-1
Morrison	-	-	-	A-1
Moscow Hills	Troy	3.65	3.65	A-1
Mount Sterling	-	-	-	A-1
Mt. Vernon	-	-	-	A-3
Mtn. Grove	-	-	-	A-3
Mtn. View	-	-	-	A-2

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E. Local Exchange Listings (Cont'd)

1. Exchange Listings (Includes EAS Points, EAS Rate Component, Rate Schedule and Rate Group) (Cont'd)

<u>Exchange Name</u>	<u>EAS Points</u>	<u>EAS Rate Component</u>		<u>Rate Sch./Group</u>
		<u>BUS</u>	<u>Res.</u>	
Kebo	-	-	-	A-1
New Melle	-	-	-	Metro
Nianguz	-	-	-	A-1
				(C)
Norwood	-	-	-	A-1
Oates	-	-	-	A-1
O'Fallon	-	-	-	Metro
Old Monroe	Foley, Winfield	53.30	53.30	A-1
Osborn	-	-	-	A-1
Osceola	-	-	-	A-2
Ozark	Highlandville	2.15	2.15	A-3
Palmyra	-	-	-	A-2
Paris	-	-	-	A-2
				(D)
				(E)
Perry	-	-	-	A-1
Pittsburg	-	-	-	A-1
Plattsburg	Gower, Tribole, Turney	1.80	1.00	A-2
Potosi	-	-	-	A-3
Prairie Home	-	-	-	A-1
Preston	-	-	-	A-1
Prolam	Forsyth	.75	.75	A-1
Queen City	Greentop	.50	.25	A-1

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G. Local Exchange Listings (Cont'd)

1. Exchange Listings (includes EAS Points, EAS Rate Component, Rate Schedule and Rate Group) (Cont'd)

Exchange Name	EAS Points	EAS Rate Component		Rate Sch./Group
		Bus.	Res.	
Raymondville	Houston	53.30	53.30	A-1
Reads Spring	"	-	-	A-2
Ravere	Kahoka	2.90	2.90	A-1
Roby	Houston	3.45	3.45	A-1
Rocheport	Columbia	6.15	3.35	A-1
Rockaway Beach	"	-	-	A-2
Rockville	Schell City	2.00	2.00	A-1
Rosendale	Bolckow, Fillmore, Savannah, Whitesville	7.90	4.25	A-1
St. James	Safe	.30	.10	A-3
St. Peters	Harvester	1.00	1.00	Metro
Safe	St. James	.75	.75	A-1
Santa Fe	"	-	-	A-1
Sarcozie	"	-	-	A-2
Savannah	Amazonia, Arence City, Bolckow, Cosby, Fillmore, Helena, Rosendale, Whitesville	2.60	1.40	A-3
Schell City	Eldorado Springs, Rockville, Walker	3.55	3.65	A-1
Seymour	"	-	-	A-2
Shelbinz	"	-	-	A-2
Shelbyville	"	-	-	A-1
Sheldon	Hilo	2.60	2.60	A-1
Shell Knob	"	-	-	A-2

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1. Exchange Listings (Includes EAS Points, EAS Rate Component, Rate Schedule and Rate Group) (Cont'd)

<u>Exchange Name</u>	<u>EAS Points</u>	<u>EAS Rate Component</u>		<u>Rate Sch./Group</u>	
		<u>Res.</u>	<u>Res.</u>		
Sparta	-	-	-	A-2	(D)
Stewartsville	-	-	-	A-1	(D)
Stoutsville	-	-	-	A-1	
Sturgeon	Centralia, Clark	\$1.55	\$1.05	A-1	
Summersville	-	-	-	A-2	
Thayer	Koshkenong, Marzoth Springs, AR	2.35	2.35	A-2	
Theodosia	Gainesville, Vasola	3.65	3.65	A-1	
Thomasville	Alton	3.20	3.20	A-1	
Timber	-	-	-	A-1	
Trinble	Plattsburg	4.15	2.25	A-1	
Troy	Hawk Point, Moscow Hillis	2.50	2.50	A-2	
Truxton	-	-	-	A-1	
Turney	Plattsburg	5.15	2.80	A-1	
Unionville	Lenora	.15	.15	A-2	
Urbana	-	-	-	A-2	
Van Euren	-	-	-	A-2	
VanZant	-	-	-	A-1	
Vichy	-	-	-	A-1	

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G. Local Exchange Listings (Cont'd)

1. Exchange Listings (Includes EAS Points, EAS Rate Component, Rate Schedule and Rate Group) (Cont'd)

<u>Exchange Name</u>	<u>EAS Points</u>	<u>EAS Rate Component</u>		<u>Rate Sch./Group</u>
		<u>Sur.</u>	<u>Res.</u>	
Walker	Eldorado Springs, Schell City	\$3.65	\$3.65	A-1
Warrenton	-	-	-	A-3
Washburn	Cassville, Exeter	3.65	3.65	A-1
Wasola	Gainesville, Theodosia	3.65	3.65	A-1
Wayland(*)	Kahoka	.90	.50	A-1
Wezubleau	-	-	-	A-1
Wentzville	-	-	-	Metro
West Plains	-	-	-	A-4
West Quincy	Quincy	3.65	3.65	A-1
Wheatland	-	-	-	A-2
Whitesville	Bolckow, Rosendale, Savannah	10.55	5.70	A-1
Willow Springs	-	-	-	A-2
Winfield	Foley, Old Monroe	2.25	2.25	A-2
Winona	-	-	-	A-1
Woodridge	-	-	-	A-1
Wright City	Foristall	1.50	1.50	A-2

(*) Includes customers in Base Rate Area Alexandria.

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LOCAL EXCHANGE TARIFF

1.3 EXCHANGES BY RATE GROUP

1.3.1 Rate Group 2(4)

Aberdeen (1) (2) (5)	Carrollton (2) (3) (5)	Grain Valley (1) (3) (5)
Advance (1) (2) (5)	Caruthersville (1) (3) (5)	(2) (3) (5)
Agency (1) (5)	Center (2) (5)	Gray Summit (1) (3) (5)
Altamont-Fronna (1) (2) (5)	Chaffee (1) (3) (5)	(CP) Greenwood (1) (3) (5)
Antonia (1) (3) (5)	Charleston (1) (3) (5)	Hayti (1) (3) (5)
Archie (1) (2) (5)	Clarksville (1) (2) (5)	Herrmannsum-Parvoly (1) (2) (5)
Argyle (2) (5)	Clever (1) (3) (5)	Higbee (1) (3) (5)
Armstrong (1) (2) (5)	(CP) Clinch Springs (2) (5)	Hillbore (1) (3) (5)
Ash Grove (2) (5)	Deering (1) (3) (5)	Holtcomb (1) (3) (5)
Beaufort (2) (5)	DeKalb (1) (5)	Hottersville (1) (2) (5)
Bell City (1) (2) (5)	Delta (1) (2) (5)	Jasper (2) (5)
Benton (1) (3) (5)	Deming (2) (5)	Knob Nocker (2) (5)
Billings (2) (2) (5)	East Prairie (1) (5)	Lamar (2) (5)
Bismarck (1) (3) (5)	Edina (2) (5)	Lakota (2) (5)
Bloomfield (1) (3) (5)	Elberry (1) (2) (5)	Lancaster (2) (5)
Bloomdale (1) (2) (5)	Essex (1) (3) (5)	Leadwood (1) (3) (3)
Bonne Terre (1) (3) (5)	Eureka (1) (3)	Lilbourn (1) (2) (5)
Boonville (1) (2) (5)	(CP) Farley (2) (5)	(CP) Linn (2) (5)
Bowling Green (2) (5)	Fayette (1) (2) (5)	Lackwood (2) (5)
Brookfield (2) (5)	Fick (1) (3) (5)	Louisiana (1) (2) (5)
Campbell (2) (5)	Frankford (2) (5)	Maeks Creek (2) (5)
Cardwell (1) (2) (5)	(CP) Fredericktown (2) (5)	Malden (1) (2) (5)
Carl Junction (1) (3) (5)	Fresburg (2) (5)	(CP) Marble Hill (2) (5)
	Gideon (1) (2) (5)	Marceline (2) (5)
	Glasgow (1) (2) (5)	Marionville (2) (5)
		Marston (1) (2) (5)
		Meta (2) (5)

- (1) Extended Area Service - See Paragraph 1.4.
- (2) Message Rate Business Service not offered.
- (3) Message Rate Business Service obsolete - limited to existing customers.
- (4) See Paragraph 1.1.3, preceding.
- (5) One-party service only available.

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1.3 RATES BY RATE GROUP - (Continued)

1.3.1 Rate Group A - (Continued) (4)

(MT)	Montgomery City (2) (2) (5)	Rushville (2) (3)	Trenton (2) (2) (5)
	Warehouse (1) (3) (5)	Ste. Genevieve (2) (2) (5)	Tuscarbis (2)
	New Franklin (2) (3) (5)	St. Marys (2) (3) (5)	(2) (5)
	New Madrid (1) (2) (5)	San Antonio (2) (5)	Versailles (2)
	Oak Ridge (1) (3) (5)	Scott City (2) (2) (5)	(2) (5)
	Old Appleton (2) (3) (5)	Senath (1) (3) (5)	Vladon (2) (5)
	Oran (1) (2) (5)	Sister (2) (5)	Walnut Grove
		Smithville (1) (3) (5)	(2) (5)
(MT)		Spanaway (2) (3)	Wardell (2) (2) (5)
	Patton (2) (5)		Ware (1) (3) (5)
	Paynesville (2) (2) (5)		Wellsville (2) (5)
	Platts City (1) (2) (5)		Westphalia (2) (5)
	Pocahontas-New Wells (1) (3) (5)		Wyaco (2) (2) (5)
(MT)			
	Portage Des Sioux (2) (5)		
	Portageville (2) (2) (5)		
	Puxico (2) (5)		
	Quinn (1) (3) (5)		
	Richard (2) (5)		
	Richwood (2) (5)		
	Rice (2) (2) (5)		

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1.3 EXCHANGES BY RATE GROUP-(Continued)

1.3.2 Rate Group B(4)

Camdenon(1) (2) (5)	Lake Ozark-Ozage Beach(1) (2) (5)
Cape Girardeau(1) (2) (5)	Manchester(1) (5)
Carthage(2) (5)	Marshall(2) (5)
Cedar Hill(1) (2) (5)	Maxville(1) (5)
Chesterfield(1) (5)	Mexico(2) (5)
Chillicothe(2) (5)	Monett(1) (2) (5)
DeSoto(1) (2) (5)	Neoberly(1) (2) (5)
Dexter(1) (2) (5)	Neosho(2) (5)
Eldon(1) (3) (5)	Nevada(1) (2) (5)
Excelsior Springs(5)	Pacific(2) (3) (5)
(CP) Farrington(2) (2) (5)	Perryville(1) (2) (5)
Fenton(1) (5)	Fond(1) (5)
Festus-Cryстал City(2) (2) (5)	(CP) Poplar Bluff(1) (2) (5)
Flat River(1) (2) (5)	St. Charles(1) (2) (5)
Fulton(2) (5)	St. Clair(3) (5)
Gravois Mills(2) (2) (5)	St. Joseph(1) (5)
Hannibal(2) (5)	Sedalia(2) (5)
Harvester(2) (5)	Stinson(2) (2) (5)
High Ridge(1) (5)	Union(1) (2) (5)
Imperial(1) (2) (5)	Valley Park(1) (5)
Jackson(1) (2) (5)	Washington(3) (5)
Joplin(1) (2) (5)	Webb City(1) (2) (5)
Kennett(2) (2) (5)	
Kirkville(2) (5)	

- (1) Extended Area Service - See Paragraph 1.4.
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(AT) 1.3 EXCHANGES BY RATE GROUP (Continued)

(PC) 1.3.3 Rate Group C(2)

Springfield Metropolitan Exchange

Principal Zone
-Principal Zone Base Rate Area(3)

Metropolitan Calling Area-1 (MCA-1) Zones

- Fair Grove(3)
- WEXs(1)(3)
- Republic(2)(3)
- Rogersville(3)
- Scrufford(3)
- Willard(3)

- (1) Extended Area Service - See Paragraph 3.4.
- (2) See Paragraph 1.1.3, preceding.
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1.3 EXCHANGES BY RATE GROUP - (Continued)

1.3.4 Rate Group D(1)

<p>Kansas City Metropolitan Exchange</p> <p>Principal Zone (2)</p> <p>Metropolitan <u>Callings Area-1 Zones</u> Gladstone (2) Independence (3) Parkville (2) Raytown (2) South Kansas City (2)</p> <p>Metropolitan <u>Callings Area-2 Zones</u> Belton (2) Blue Springs (2) East Independence (2) Lee's Summit (2) Liberty (2) Mashua (2) (CP) Tiffany Springs (2)</p>	<p>St. Louis Metropolitan Exchange</p> <p>Principal Zone (2)</p> <p>Metropolitan <u>Callings Area-1 Zones</u> Ferguson (2) Ladue (2) Mehlville (2) Overland (2) River View (2) Seppington (2) Webster Groves (2)</p> <p>Metropolitan <u>Callings Area-2 Zones</u> Bridgeton (2) Creve Coeur (2) Florissant (2) Kirkwood (2) (CP) Oakville (2) Spanish Lake (2)</p>
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(1) See Paragraph 1.1.3, preceding.
(2) One-party service only available.

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