

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
JEFFERSON CITY
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CASE NO: TO-2001-234

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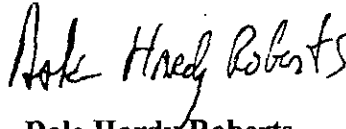
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Enclosed find certified copy of an ORDER in the above-numbered case(s).

Sincerely,



**Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge**

Uncertified copies:

To all interexchange and local exchange telecommunications companies.

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

Application for Approval of Agreement	)	
for Interconnection between Verizon	)	<u>Case No. TO-2001-234</u>
Wireless Messaging Services, LLC and	)	
Southwestern Bell Telephone Company	)	

ORDER DIRECTING NOTICE

On October 6, 2000, Verizon Wireless Messaging Services, LLC (Applicant) filed an application with the Commission for approval of an interconnection agreement with Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (SWBT) under the provisions of the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (the Act). The applicant states that the agreement has been executed by the parties and complies with Section 252(e) of the Act in that it is not discriminatory to non-party carriers and is consistent with the public interest. The applicant requests expeditious approval of the agreement.

The Act provides that an interconnection agreement must be approved unless the state commission finds that the agreement discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement, or that implementation of the agreement is not consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity. 47 U.S.C. Section 252(e).

Although SWBT is a party to the agreement, it did not join in the application. The Commission will make SWBT a party to this case.

The Commission finds that proper persons should be allowed 20 days from the issuance of this order to file a motion for hearing or an application to participate without intervention. Participation may be permitted for the limited purpose of filing comments addressing whether this agreement meets the federal standards for approval of interconnection

agreements. The requirement of a hearing is met when an opportunity to be heard 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, 496 (Mo. App. 1989).

Section 252(e)(4) of the Act provides that if the Commission has not approved an agreement within 90 days after submission, the agreement shall be deemed approved. Therefore, the Commission will proceed with this case expeditiously and, if there are no requests for a hearing, relief may be granted based on the verified petition. The Commission finds that notice of this application should be sent to all interexchange and local exchange telecommunications companies.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the Records Department of the Commission shall send notice to all interexchange and local exchange telecommunications companies.

2. That any party wishing to request a hearing or to participate without intervention in this matter shall file an application no later than November 15, 2000 with:

Secretary of the Missouri Public Service Commission
Post Office Box 360
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102

and send copies to:

James F. Mauze
Ottsen, Mauze, Leggat & Belz, LC
112 South Hanley Road
St. Louis, Missouri 63105

and

Office of the Public Counsel
Post Office Box 7800
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102

3. That Southwestern Bell Telephone is made a party to this case.

4. That the Staff of the Commission shall file a memorandum advising either approval or rejection of this agreement and giving the reasons therefor no later than December 14, 2000.

5. That this order shall become effective on November 2, 2000.

BY THE COMMISSION



Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

(S E A L)

Lewis R. Mills, Deputy Chief Regulatory
Law Judge, by delegation of authority
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 1994.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 23rd day of October, 2000.

STATE OF MISSOURI

OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

I have compared the preceding copy with the original on file in this office and
I do hereby certify the same to be a true copy therefrom and the whole thereof.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission, at Jefferson City,
Missouri, this 23rd day of Oct. 2000.



A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dale Hardy Roberts".

Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge