

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
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CASE NO: TT-2001-117

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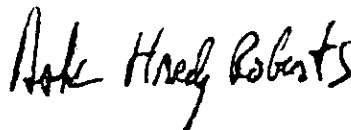
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Enclosed find certified copy of an ORDER in the above-numbered case(s).

Sincerely,



Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Access Tariff Filing) Case No. TT-2001-117
of Ozark Telephone Company) Tariff File No. 200100203

ORDER ESTABLISHING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

On October 18, 2000, the Staff of the Commission, on behalf of all the parties, filed the following proposed procedural schedule:

Rebuttal testimony	December 1, 2000
Prehearing conference	December 8, 2000
List of issues, order of witnesses, and order of cross-examination	December 15, 2000
Surrebuttal testimony	December 22, 2000
Statements of position	December 27, 2000
Evidentiary hearing	January 9, 2001

Very similar proposed schedules were filed in five other cases (TT-2001-115, TT-2001-116, TT-2001-118, TT-2001-119, and TT-2001-120). If several of these cases have a number of issues that require evidentiary hearings, the proposed schedule would not allow sufficient time for hearings, particularly if additional hearing dates are needed. Accordingly, the Commission will modify the proposed schedule to begin hearings approximately a week earlier. The Commission will apply the following conditions:

(A) The Commission will require the prefiling of testimony as defined in 4 CSR 240-2.130. All parties shall comply with this rule, including the requirement that testimony be filed on line-numbered pages.

The practice of prefiling testimony is designed to give parties notice of the claims, contentions and evidence in issue and to avoid unnecessary objections and delays caused by allegations of unfair surprise at the hearing.

(B) Pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.130(15), testimony and schedules shall not be filed under seal and treated as proprietary or highly confidential unless the Commission has first established a protective order. Any testimony or schedule filed without a protective order first being established shall be considered public information.

(C) The parties shall agree upon and the Staff shall file a list of the issues to be heard, the witnesses to appear on each day of the hearing and the order in which they shall be called, and the order of cross-examination for each witness. Any issue not contained in this list of issues will be viewed as uncontested and not requiring resolution by the Commission.

(D) Each party shall file a statement of its position on each disputed issue. Such statement shall be simple and concise, and shall not contain argument about why the party believes its position to be the correct one.

(E) The Commission's general policy provides for the filing of the transcript within two weeks after the hearing. If any party seeks to expedite the filing of the transcript, such request shall be tendered in writing to the regulatory law judge at least five days prior to the date of the hearing.

(F) All pleadings, briefs and amendments shall be filed in accordance with 4 CSR 240-2.080. Briefs shall follow the same list of issues as filed in the case and shall set forth and cite the proper portions of the record

concerning the remaining unresolved issues that are to be decided by the Commission.

(G) All parties are required to bring an adequate number of copies of exhibits which they intend to offer into evidence at the hearing. If an exhibit has been prefiled, only three copies of the exhibit are necessary for the court reporter. If an exhibit has not been prefiled, the party offering it should bring, in addition to the three copies for the court reporter, copies for the five Commissioners, the regulatory law judge, and all counsel.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the following procedural schedule is established for this case:

Rebuttal testimony	November 30, 2000 3:00 P.M.
Prehearing conference	December 8, 2000 10:00 A.M.
List of issues, order of witnesses, and order of cross-examination	December 15, 2000
Surrebuttal testimony	December 21, 2000 3:00 P.M.
Statements of position	December 27, 2000
Evidentiary hearing	January 4, 2001 8:30 A.M.

The prehearing conference and hearing will be held on the ground floor of the Governor Office Building, 200 Madison Street, Jefferson City, Missouri. The hearing and prehearing will be held in a building that meets accessibility standards required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. If you need additional accommodations to participate in the hearing or prehearing conference, please call the Public Service Commission's Hotline

at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or 1-800-829-7541 (TDD) prior to the hearing, prehearing or local public hearing.

2. That this order shall become effective on November 6, 2000.

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dale Hardy Roberts". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

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

(S E A L)

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

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 27th 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 27th day of Oct. 2000.



Dale Hardy Roberts

Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge