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**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

In the Matter of the Application of USN)
Communications Southwest, Inc. for a Certificate)
of Service Authority to Provide Resold Basic Local)
Telecommunications Services in Portions of the) Case No. TA-99-50
State of Missouri and for Competitive Classifica-)
tion.)

**ORDER GRANTING INTERVENTION AND DIRECTING FILING
OF PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

USN Communications Southwest, Inc. (USN) filed an application on August 7, 1998, for a certificate of service authority to provide prepaid basic local telecommunications service in the State of Missouri under 4 CSR 240-2.060(4). USN wishes to provide resold services in all the exchanges currently served by Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, GTE Midwest Incorporated, and Sprint of Missouri. On August 11, the Commission issued a Notice of Applications and Opportunity to Intervene directing interested parties to file applications to intervene no later than September 10.

Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (SWBT) filed a timely application to intervene on August 27. SWBT states that it has an interest in the Commission's decision in this case because it provides basic local exchange services and will be in direct competition with USN if the certificate is granted. SWBT argues that no other party will adequately protect its interests in this matter and that its intervention would be in the public interest because of SWBT's expertise and experience in the telecommunications industry.

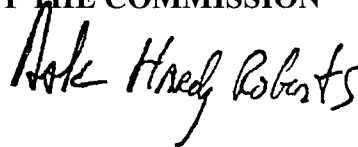
The Commission has reviewed the application and finds that it is in substantial compliance with Commission rules regarding intervention and that SWBT has an interest in this matter which is different from that

of the general public. The Commission concludes that the request for intervention should be granted and that the parties should file a proposed procedural schedule. The procedural schedule must include either dates for the filing of testimony and for a hearing, or a date for the filing of a Stipulation and Agreement. If no party requests a hearing, the Commission may grant the service authority and competitive classification requested without a hearing. State ex rel. Rex Deffenderfer Enterprises, Inc. v. Public Service Commission, 776 S.W.2D 494, 496 (Mo. App. 1989).

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

1. That Southwestern Bell Telephone Company is granted intervention in this case in accordance with 4 CSR 240-2.075(4).
2. That the parties shall file a proposed procedural schedule no later than October 15, 1998. The procedural schedule shall include either dates for the filing of testimony and for a hearing, or a date for the filing of a Stipulation and Agreement.
3. That this order shall become effective on September 15, 1998.

BY THE COMMISSION



Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

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Brian K. Harper, 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 15th day of September, 1998.

