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

In the Matter of the Application of	)	
NOW Communications, Inc. for a Certificate	)	
of Service Authority to Provide Resold	)	<b><u>Case No. TA-98-390</u></b>
Basic Local Telecommunications Service in	)	
Portions of the State of Missouri and for	)	
Competitive Classification.	)	

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

NOW Communications, Inc. (NOW) filed an application on March 12, 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). Specifically, NOW wishes to provide resold services in the exchanges currently served by Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (SWBT), GTE Midwest Incorporated (GTE), and Sprint Missouri, Inc. d/b/a Sprint f/k/a United Telephone Company of Missouri d/b/a Sprint (Sprint Missouri). The Commission issued an Order and Notice, directing interested parties to file applications to intervene no later than April 16.

SWBT filed a timely application to intervene on March 25. SWBT states that it has a direct interest in the Commission's decision in this case because it provides basic local exchange services and will be in direct competition with this company 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. In addition, SWBT indicates that it does not possess sufficient information at this time to state whether it supports or opposes NOW's application.

The Commission has reviewed SWBT's 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 relief requested without a hearing. State ex rel. Rex Deffenderfer Enterprises, Inc. v. Public Service Commission, 776 S.W.2d 494, 496 (Mo. App. 1989).

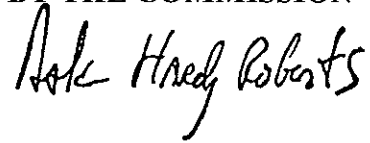
**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

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 May 13, 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 May 1, 1998.

**BY THE COMMISSION**

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

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Elaine E. Bensavage, 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 1st day of May, 1998.