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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of)
Midwestern Services L.C. d/b/a)
Midwestern Tel, for a Certificate of)
Service Authority to Provide Basic)
Local Telecommunications Services and) CASE NO. TA-97-469
Local Exchange Telecommunications)
Services in the State of Missouri and)
to Classify the Company and its)
Services as Competitive.)

ORDER GRANTING INTERVENTION AND DIRECTING FILING OF PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

Midwestern Services, L.C. d/b/a Midwestern Tel (Midwestern) filed an application on April 23, 1997, for a certificate of service authority to provide basic local telecommunications service in the State of Missouri under 4 CSR 240-2.060(4). Specifically, Midwestern wishes to provide resold and facilities-based services in exchanges currently served by Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (SWBT) and GTE Midwest Incorporated (GTE). The Commission issued an Order And Notice, directing interested parties to file applications to intervene no later than May 26.

The following entities filed timely applications to intervene:

Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (SWBT);

The Small Telephone Company Group

(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); and

Fidelity Telephone Company and Bourbeuse Telephone Company
(Fidelity).

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 matters and that its intervention would be in the public interest because of SWBT's expertise and experience in the telecommunications industry.

The Small Telephone Company Group and Fidelity state that although this certificate application is limited to exchanges served by SWBT and GTE, the Commission's decision will affect all subsequent applications for service authority and thereby affect the members of the Small Telephone Company Group and Fidelity as providers of telecommunications services in the state. The Small Telephone Company Group and Fidelity also state that their intervention would be in the public interest because of their expertise in the telecommunications industry.

The Commission has reviewed the applications and finds that they are in substantial compliance with Commission rules regarding intervention and that the applicants have an interest in this matter which is different from that of the general public. The Commission concludes that the requests for intervention should be granted, and that the parties

should file a proposed procedural schedule by June 25, which includes either dates for prefiled testimony and a hearing or a date by which a Stipulation And Agreement will be filed. If no party requests a hearing, the Commission may grant the service authority and competitive classification requested without a hearing.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the following entities are granted intervention in this case in accordance with 4 CSR 240-2.075(4):

Southwestern Bell Telephone Company;

The Small Telephone Company Group

(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); and

Fidelity Telephone Company and Bourbeuse Telephone Company.

2. That the parties shall file a proposed procedural schedule, which includes either dates for prefiled testimony and a hearing or a date by which a Stipulation And Agreement will be filed, no later than June 25, 1997.

3. That this order shall be effective on the date hereof.

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Cecil I. Wright", written over the printed name.

Cecil I. Wright
Executive Secretary

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Elaine E. Bensavage, Administrative 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 6th day of June, 1997.