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

In the Matter of the Application of Atlas )  
Communications, Ltd. for a Certificate of Service )  
Authority to Provide Resold Basic Local Telecom- )  
munications Service in Portions of the State of ) Case No. TA-98-330  
Missouri and for Classification of Said Services )  
as Competitive. )  
)

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

Atlas Communications, Ltd. (Atlas) filed an application on February 4, 1998, 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, Atlas wishes to provide resold services in all the exchanges currently served by Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, GTE Midwest Incorporated, and Sprint Missouri, Inc. d/b/a Sprint. The Commission issued a Notice of Applications, directing interested parties to file applications to intervene no later than March 20, 1998.

SWBT filed an application to intervene on March 20 stating 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.

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 request for intervention shall be granted and the parties shall 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 April 29, 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 be effective on March 30, 1998.

**BY THE COMMISSION**



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

(S E A L)

L. Anne Wickliffe, Deputy Chief  
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 30th day of March, 1998.

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