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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of)
Dobson Wireless, Inc. for a Certificate)
of Service Authority to Provide Basic) **Case No. TA-98-342**
Local Telecommunications Service in)
Portions of the State of Missouri and)
to Classify Said Services as Competitive.)

ORDER GRANTING INTERVENTION AND DIRECTING
FILING OF PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

Dobson Wireless, Inc. (Dobson) filed an application on February 11, 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, Dobson wishes to provide both facilities-based and 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 March 20.

SWBT filed a timely application to intervene on March 20. 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 Dobson'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 April 4, 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 March 26, 1998.

BY THE COMMISSION

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

(S E A L)

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 26th day of March, 1998.

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