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

In the Matter of an Investigation Concerning the)
Continuation or Modification of the Primary Toll) Case No. TO-97-217
Carrier Plan When IntraLATA Presubscription is)
Implemented in Missouri.)

ORDER ADOPTING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

The parties met in a prehearing conference on July 21, 1998, in order to determine how to address the intraLATA presubscription implementation plans submitted for approval. The Staff of the Commission (Staff) filed a Proposed Procedural Schedule on August 6, setting out proposed dates for the filing of testimony and for hearing and stating that the parties were all in agreement with the proposal. The parties also requested that the transcript be expedited.

The Commission has considered the proposal and will adopt the procedural schedule submitted by Staff and by agreement of the parties, and will order that the transcript of the hearing be expedited. The Commission finds that the following conditions shall be applied to the schedule.

A. The Commission will require the prefiling of testimony in compliance with the requirements of 4 CSR 240-2.130, including the filing of testimony on line-numbered pages. The practice of prefiling testimony is designed to give parties notice of the claims, contentions and evidence in issue and to avoid unnecessary objections and delays in the proceedings caused by allegations of unfair surprise at the hearing.

B. The protective order issued to govern this case on July 9, 1997 remains in effect. The party that considers information to be

proprietary or highly confidential should indicate the material's proper classification at the time of filing. Any testimony or schedule filed without its classification clearly indicated, shall be considered public information.

C. The parties shall file a hearing memorandum setting out the issues to be heard and the witnesses to appear on each day of the hearing and the order in which they shall be called, an appendix containing definitions of technical terms, each party's position on the disputed issues, and the order of cross-examination. The hearing memorandum will set forth the issues that are to be heard and decided by the Commission. Any issue not contained in the hearing memorandum will be viewed as uncontested and not requiring resolution by the Commission. Staff will be responsible for preparing and filing the hearing memorandum.

D. The Commission emphasizes the importance of the deadline for filing the hearing memorandum. Commission Staff will be responsible for preparing and filing the hearing memorandum, and, unless the Commission orders otherwise, the hearing memorandum shall be filed on or before the date set. Each party is required to provide Staff with its position on each unresolved issue at least two business days prior to the filing deadline for the hearing memorandum. Each party shall either present their signature element (a signed page), shall provide written authorization to permit the General Counsel to sign for that particular party, or shall be available to sign the final draft at the offices of the General Counsel prior to the filing deadline. A hearing memorandum which is not signed is considered noncompliant as to the party whose signature is missing and any party who fails or refuses to sign the final copy of the hearing memorandum is hereby ordered to file its own hearing

memorandum, which follows the same numbering and topic outline, by the hearing memorandum filing date.

E. Any party wishing to offer a prefiled exhibit into evidence must bring to the hearing three copies of the exhibit for the court reporter. If the exhibit has not been prefiled, the proponent must also bring six copies for the Commissioners and the administrative law judge, and copies for opposing counsel.

F. Briefs shall be limited to 30 pages and shall follow the format set out in the hearing memorandum. All pleadings, briefs and amendments shall be filed in accordance with 4 CSR 240-2.080(7).

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the following procedural schedule is adopted for this proceeding, subject to the conditions discussed above:

Objections to implementation plans	- August 20, 1998
Simultaneous direct testimony	- September 10, 1998 3:00 p.m.
Simultaneous rebuttal testimony	- September 28, 1998 3:00 p.m.
Hearing Memorandum	- September 30, 1998
Evidentiary hearing	- October 5-7. 1998 9:00 a.m.
Simultaneous briefs	- October 29, 1998

2. The evidentiary hearing will be held in the Commission's hearing room on the fifth floor of the Harry S Truman State Office Building, 301 West High Street, Jefferson City, Missouri. Anyone wishing to attend who has special needs as addressed by the Americans With Disabilities Act should contact the Missouri Public Service Commission at least ten (10) days before the hearing at: Consumer Services Hotline - 1-800-392-4211 or TDD Hotline - 1-800-829-7541.

3. The transcript of the hearing shall be prepared on an expedited basis.

4. That this order shall become effective on August 13, 1998.

BY THE COMMISSION



Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

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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 13th day of August, 1998.



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