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STATE OF MISSOURI  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

At a session of the Public Service Commission held at its office in Jefferson City on the 21st day of January, 1999.

In the Matter of the Investigation into the Earnings of Mid-Missouri Telephone Company. ) Case No. TR-98-343

ORDER RESCHEDULING LOCAL PUBLIC HEARING  
AND REVISING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

On December 17, 1998, the Commission issued an Order Scheduling Local Public Hearing, which directed that a local public hearing be held on Wednesday, January 13, 1999, in Pilot Grove, Missouri. The hearing was scheduled to be held in the library of the Cooper County R-4 High School, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. On January 13, 1999, the Commission canceled the hearing due to poor weather conditions.

The Commission now reschedules the local public hearing and directs the Mid-Missouri Telephone Company (MMTC) to send direct notice of the rescheduled hearing, by an imprint on the customer's monthly billing, billing insert, first class letter, or postcard, to each of the Company's residential and commercial customers at least seven (7) days prior to the local public hearing date. The direct notice sent to customers by MMTC shall be similar to the direct notice sent to inform customers of the original local public hearing date, and shall prominently state the time, date and location of the local hearing regarding the proposed rate design. The notice will contain enough

information so that the recipient can reasonably understand how to determine the location of the hearing. The Staff, the Office of the Public Counsel and MMTC shall develop mutually agreeable language to be contained in MMTC's direct notice to customers.

The Commission will direct the Commission's Information Officer to send notice of the local public hearing to radio stations, television stations, and publishers of each newspaper located in MMTC's service area, as listed in the newspaper directory of the current Official Manual of the State of Missouri, and to members of the General Assembly representing customers in MMTC's service area. The Commission will also direct the Records Department of the Commission to serve a copy of this order upon the county commission of each county and mayor of each municipality within MMTC's service area.

In addition, on January 14, 1999, the Staff filed a Request to Suspend Briefing Schedule, asking that the Commission suspend the briefing schedule pending completion of the public hearing. Staff notes that all attorneys of record were contacted in reference to the motion, and that all parties concur in the request that the briefing schedule be suspended. The Commission has reviewed the request to suspend the briefing schedule, and finds that the schedule should be revised.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. That the Commission reschedules the local public hearing for Tuesday, February 9, 1999, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., to be held in the library of the Cooper County R-4 High School, 107 School Street, Pilot Grove, Missouri,

2. That the Records Department and Information Office of the Commission shall serve copies of this order and provide notice as described in this order.

4. That Mid-Missouri Telephone Company shall send notice, as directed in this order, to each of the company's residential and commercial customers at least seven (7) days prior to the local public hearing date.

4. That anyone with special needs as addressed by the Americans with Disabilities Act should contact the Missouri Public Service Commission as soon as possible at one of the following numbers: Consumer Services Hotline - 1-800-392-4211 or TDD Hotline - 1-800-829-7541.

5. That the procedural schedule is revised as follows:

Initial briefs: - March 10, 1999

Reply briefs: - March 25, 1999

6. That this order shall become effective on February 2, 1999.

BY THE COMMISSION



Dale Hardy Roberts  
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

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Lumpe, Ch., Crumpton, Drainer,  
Murray and Schemenauer, CC.,  
concur.

Ruth, Regulatory Law Judge

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