## STATE OF MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

At a Session of the Public Service Commission held at its office in Jefferson City on the 28th day of January, 1998.

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 Local Exchange Telecommunications Services in the State of Missouri and to Classify the Company and Its Services as Competitive.

CASE NO. TA-97-469

## **ORDER APPROVING TARIFF**

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The Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) granted to Midwestern Services L.C. d/b/a Midwestern Tel (Midwestern Tel) a certificate of service authority to provide basic local and local exchange telecommunications services in Missouri by an order issued on December 2, 1997, which became effective on December 12. The order directed the company to file for Commission approval tariff sheets reflecting the rates, rules, regulations and services it will offer. However, the Commission approved an interconnection agreement between Midwestern Tel and Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (SWBT) on July 3 in Case No. TO-97-460, prior to the Commission's issuance of its conditional certificate but subsequent to Midwestern Tel's application for a certificate.

Midwestern Tel filed the required tariff sheets on December 17, with an effective date of February 1, 1998. In its cover letter, Midwestern Tel referenced its approved Resale Agreement with SWBT in Case No. TO-97-460, but stated that it had not yet reached an agreement with GTE Midwest Incorporated. Midwestern Tel filed substitute tariff sheets on January 12,

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January 14, January 20, and January 21.

On January 22 the Staff of the Commission (Staff) filed a memorandum containing its recommendation. Staff states that it has reviewed Midwestern Tel's proposed tariff, and finds that it conforms to the Commission's standards as set forth in the Order Approving Resale Agreement in Case No. TA-97-460 and the Order Granting Certificate of Service Authority to Provide Basic Local and Local Exchange Telecommunications Service in Case No. TO-97-469. Staff indicates that Midwestern Tel's proposed tariff covers the resale of SWBT services as listed in the resale More specifically, Staff states that the proposed tariff agreement. contains SWBT tariff concurrence language, a statement of Midwestern Tel's competitive classification, a list of the approved waivers listed in the certification order, a list of the SWBT exchanges in which Midwestern Tel will provide services, sections on the additional obligations of Midwestern Tel, and sections on Midwestern Tel's products and services. Staff notes that Midwestern Tel's proposed tariff is similar to other competitive local exchange company (CLEC) tariffs previously approved by the Commission. Staff has reviewed the proposed tariff, has no objections, and recommends approval of Midwestern Tel's proposed P.S.C. Mo. No. 1 tariff, as amended.

The Commission has reviewed the tariff sheets, Staff's recommendation, and the pleadings in this case. The Commission finds that the tariff sheets conform to the Commission's order of December 2 and should be approved as amended to become effective on February 1, 1998. The Commission concludes that the conditions stated in the December 2 order for Midwestern Tel's certificate of service authority to provide basic local and local exchange telecommunications service will be fulfilled at the time P.S.C. Mo. No. 1 takes effect.

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## **IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. That the tariff filed by Midwestern Services L.C. d/b/a Midwestern Tel on December 17, 1997, is approved as amended to become effective on February 1, 1998. The tariff approved is:

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2. That the certificate of service authority to provide basic local and local exchange telecommunications services previously granted to Midwestern Services L.C. d/b/a Midwestern Tel in the Commission's order issued on December 2, 1997, shall take effect on February 1, 1998.

3. That this order shall become effective on February 1, 1998.

4. That this case shall be closed on February 2, 1998.

**BX THE COMMISSION** Hole Hardy Roberts

Dale Hardy Roberts Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

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Lumpe, Ch., Crumpton, Murray, and Drainer, CC., Concur.

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