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Group filed a letter to the official case file on September 21 concurring with MMG's motions.

Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (SWBT) filed a reply to MMG's motion arguing that the procedural schedule regarding implementation plans need not be suspended. SWBT stated that the Commission's order directing the parties to implement intraLATA presubscription issued in TO-97-220 on May 22, 1997, was independent of the order phasing out the PTC Plan and, in addition, had not been challenged by any party. SWBT proposed that the Commission proceed with its planned review of the implementation plans, subject to the resolution of the PTC Plan issues on remand, on October 5-7 as scheduled.

The Commission has reviewed the Circuit Court's Order, MMG's motions, STCG's concurrence, and SWBT's reply. Ideally, the parties would be permitted ten days to respond to these motions before Commission action. However, in light of the Circuit Court's Order reversing and remanding this case, and because of the need to relieve the parties of the duty to file rebuttal testimony on September 28, the Commission will temporarily suspend further proceedings on its own motion. The Commission would encourage responses to SWBT's reply regarding whether review of the implementation plans can proceed. The Commission asks the parties to address the extent to which the implementation plans on file are dependent upon the Commission's decision to eliminate the PTC Plan in favor of an Originating Responsibility Plan, and what changes might need to be made if the plans were to be considered before the PTC Plan issues are resolved. The parties should bear in mind the limitations on Commission resources and make their proposals with the principle of judicial economy in mind. Responses to the pleadings already filed on

this question may be filed no later than October 2. In the meantime, all further proceedings in this case are temporarily suspended.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. That all further proceedings in this case, including scheduled testimony and the hearing set for October 5-7, are suspended until further Commission order.

2. That parties may respond to the Motion to Suspend Further Proceedings and the Motion to Shorten and for Expedited Treatment filed by the Mid-Missouri Group on September 16, 1998, and to the Reply filed by Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, no later than October 2, 1998.

3. That this Order shall become effective on September 28, 1998.

**BY THE COMMISSION**



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

( S E A L )

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

Wickliffe, Deputy Chief Regulatory Law Judge