

STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

At a session of the Public Service
Commission held at its office
in Jefferson City on the 2nd
day of November, 1990.

In the matter of the request for discontinuance)
of extended area service between the Caulfield) CASE NO. TD-91-10
exchange and the Gainesville exchange.)

ORDER OF DISMISSAL

On July 12, 1990, the Commission received a petition from customers in the Caulfield exchange of Contel of Missouri, Inc. (Contel), requesting the discontinuance of extended area service (EAS) between the Caulfield exchange and the Gainesville exchange also served by Contel. This petition was forwarded to the Commission by Contel.

Pursuant to its tariff, Contel conducted a post card survey of the customers in the Caulfield and Gainesville exchanges. As required by Contel's tariff the post cards were mailed to the Commission for tabulation.

The Commission's Staff (Staff) filed a memorandum herein setting forth the results of the post card ballot. Staff's tabulation indicates that 57.2 percent of the customers in these two exchanges voted with 54.1 percent voting to eliminate EAS. In order to eliminate EAS Contel's tariff requires that 50 percent of the combined total customers in the affected exchanges must vote with two-thirds voting to discontinue the service.

Although more than 50 percent of the customers in these two exchanges voted on the question of whether EAS should be retained, less than two-thirds voted to discontinue the service. Therefore, the Commission finds that the customers in the Caulfield and Gainesville exchanges failed to vote in sufficient numbers for the discontinuance of EAS and that EAS should be continued on this route. Accordingly, the Commission will dismiss this case.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That Case No. TD-91-10 be dismissed hereby.
2. That this order shall become effective on the 13th day of November, 1991.

BY THE COMMISSION

Brent Stewart

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Interim Executive Secretary

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Steinmeier, Chm., Mueller, McClure
and Letsch-Roderique, CC., Concur.
Rauch, C., Absent.