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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of Choctaw)
Communications, L.C. d/b/a Smoke Signal Communi-)
cations for a Certificate of Service Authority) Case No. TA-98-561
to Provide Basic Local Telecommunications)
Services in the State of Missouri and to Classify)
Said Services and the Company as Competitive.)

ORDER ADOPTING FILING DEADLINE FOR
A STIPULATION AND AGREEMENT

Choctaw Communications, L.C. d/b/a Smoke Signal Communications (Choctaw) filed an application for a certificate of service authority to provide basic local telecommunications services on June 18, 1998.

Southwestern Bell Telephone Company was granted intervention on August 4, and the parties were directed to file either a proposed procedural schedule or a date for the filing of a Stipulation and Agreement no later than August 31.

The Staff of the Public Service Commission (Staff) filed a Motion to establish a deadline for the filing of a Stipulation and Agreement on August 31. Staff stated that the parties were in agreement that a Stipulation and Agreement could be filed by October 9. Staff asked the Commission to approve the proposed deadline for filing of a Stipulation and Agreement.

The Commission has considered Staff's motion and will adopt the proposed filing deadline. The parties shall file a Stipulation and Agreement no later than October 9 or, if no agreement can be reached, a proposed procedural schedule with dates for the filing of testimony.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the parties shall file a Stipulation and Agreement or, if no agreement can be reached, a proposed procedural schedule no later than October 9, 1998.

2. That this order shall become effective on September 3, 1998.

BY THE COMMISSION



Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

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Brian K. Harper, 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 3rd day of September, 1998.

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