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**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

In the Matter of the Application of Sterling )  
International Funding, Inc. d/b/a Reconex for a )  
Certificate of Service Authority to Provide Basic ) **CASE NO. TA-97-451**  
Local Telecommunications Service in Portions of )  
the State of Missouri and to Classify Said )  
Services and the Company as Competitive. )  
)

**ORDER GRANTING INTERVENTION**  
**AND DIRECTING FILING OF PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

Sterling International Funding, Inc. d/b/a Reconex (Reconex) filed an application on April 11, 1997, for a certificate of service authority to provide basic local telecommunications service in the State of Missouri under 4 CSR 240-2.060(4). Specifically, Reconex wishes to provide resold services in all the exchanges currently served by Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (SWBT), GTE Midwest Incorporated (GTE), and United Telephone Company of Missouri (United). The Commission issued an order and notice, directing interested parties to file applications to intervene no later than May 15.

SWBT filed an application to intervene on April 18, stating that it has a direct interest in the Commission's decision in this case because it provides basic local exchange services and will be in direct competition with this company if the certificate is granted. SWBT argues that no other party will adequately protect its interests in this matter and that its intervention would be in the public interest because of SWBT's expertise and experience in the telecommunications industry.

The Commission has reviewed the application and finds that it is in substantial compliance with Commission rules regarding intervention and that the applicant has an interest in this matter that is different from that of the general public. The Commission concludes that the request for intervention should be granted and that the parties should file a proposed procedural schedule. The procedural schedule must include either dates for the filing of testimony and for a hearing, or a date for the filing of a Stipulation and Agreement. If no party requests a hearing, the Commission may grant the service authority and competitive classification requested without a hearing. State ex rel. Rex Deffenderfer Enterprises, Inc. v. Public Service Commission, 776 S.W.2d 494, 496 (Mo. App. 1989).

**THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:**

1. That Southwestern Bell Telephone Company is granted intervention in this case in accordance with 4 CSR 240-2.075(4).

2. That the parties shall file a proposed procedural schedule no later than June 9, 1997. The proposed procedural schedule shall include either dates for the filing of testimony and for a hearing, or a date for the filing of a Stipulation and Agreement.

3. That this order shall become effective on the date hereof.

**BY THE COMMISSION**

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Cecil L. Wright", with a stylized flourish at the end.

**Cecil L. Wright  
Executive Secretary**

(S E A L)

L. Anne Wickliffe, Deputy Chief  
Administrative 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 23rd day of May, 1997.