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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of Local)
Fone Service, Inc., for approval of a)
resale agreement under the Tele-)
communications Act of 1996.)
CASE NO. TO-97-519

ORDER GRANTING INTERVENTION

Local Fone Service, Inc. (Local Fone) filed an Application with the Commission on June 3, 1997, for approval of a resale agreement between Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (SWBT) and Local Fone. The Commission issued an Order and Notice which directed interested parties to file applications to participate without intervention no later than June 25. The Commission ordered that only participation, and not intervention, would be permitted in this case.

SWBT filed an application to intervene in this proceeding, claiming it has a direct interest in the Commission's decision on Local Fone's application, since SWBT is a party to the resale agreement. In addition, SWBT states that its interests as a party to the resale agreement and as a basic local telecommunications service provider differ from that of the general public, and that no other party to this proceeding will adequately protect SWBT's interest.

The Commission has reviewed SWBT's application and finds that it is in substantial compliance with Commission rules regarding intervention, and that SWBT has an interest in this matter which is different from that of the general public. Since SWBT is a party to the resale agreement, the Commission will grant intervention rather than participation without intervention.

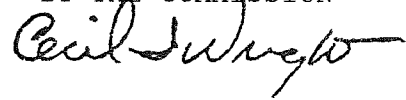
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IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

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

2. That this order shall become effective on August 22, 1997.

BY THE COMMISSION



Cecil I. Wright
Executive Secretary

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Elaine E. Bensavage, 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 22nd day of August, 1997.