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The Commission has considered the request by SWB to keep the interconnection agreement under seal and the application by the Mid-Missouri Group to intervene and review the agreement. After that consideration, the Commission finds that some participation by other telecommunications companies in this proceeding will enable it to better judge whether the interconnection agreement violates the two tests established by the Act. The Commission, therefore, finds that proper persons should be allowed, pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.075(5), to participate without intervention for the limited purpose of filing initial comments and briefs addressing the federal standards set out below. The Act limits the Commission's ability to reject the agreement to the following grounds:

\$252(e) APPROVAL BY STATE COMMISSION

- (1) APPROVAL REQUIRED.--Any interconnection agreement adopted by negotiation or arbitration shall be submitted for approval to the State commission. A State commission to which an agreement is submitted shall approve or reject the agreement, with written findings as to any deficiencies.
- (2) GROUNDS FOR REJECTION.--The State commission may only reject --
 - (A) an agreement (or any portion thereof) adopted by negotiation under subsection (a) if it finds that --
 - (i) the agreement (or portion thereof) discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement; or
 - (ii) the implementation of such agreement or portion is not consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity; ...

To allow parties a full opportunity to review the agreement and determine whether they wish to file comments, the Commission finds that the interconnection agreement between SWB and Dial US should be made a public document. The Commission finds no part of the agreement that should be held from

public view, especially in light of the fact that, if approved, it will be made public ten days after that approval.

Based upon the above decisions, the Commission will establish a procedural schedule which expedites this case. The Commission has only ninety days to consider the agreement and reach a decision, and thus, parties will be required to respond quickly. The Commission will also schedule a hearing for the Commission to ask questions of SWB and Dial US concerning the agreement. Commission Staff and the Office of the Public Counsel (OPC) shall file initial comments and briefs as scheduled by other parties. SWB and Dial US may file briefs as scheduled. Since the Mid-Missouri Group has already filed for intervention, the Commission will grant it participation without intervention as described in this order.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the Mid-Missouri Group of Local Exchange Telecommunications Companies is hereby granted participation without intervention, limited to filing written comments and a brief.

2. That the following procedural schedule is established for this case:

Applications to participate without intervention	July 12, 1996
Staff, OPC, and participants initial comments	July 19, 1996
Hearing (Commission questions)	July 31, 1996 10:00 a.m.
Briefs	August 12, 1996
Order issued	September 13, 1996

The hearing will be held in the Commission's hearing room on the fifth floor of the Harry S Truman State Office Building, 301 West High Street, Jefferson City, Missouri. Any person(s) with special needs as addressed by the Americans With Disabilities Act should contact the Missouri Public Service Commission at least

ten (10) days prior to the hearing at one of the following numbers: Consumer Services Hotline -- 1-800-392-4211, or TDD Hotline -- 1-800-829-7541.

3. That applications for participation without intervention shall be filed with the Executive Secretary of the Missouri Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 360, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102, on or before July 12, 1996, and a copy sent to:

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Room 630
100 North Tucker Boulevard
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4. That the Commission's Records Department shall file the interconnection agreement in the Commission case file as a public document.

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

BY THE COMMISSION



**David L. Rauch
Executive Secretary**

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Zobrist, Chm., McClure, Kincheloe,
Crumpton and Drainer, CC., concur.

ALJ: Wright.