

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service
Commission held at its office
in Jefferson City on the 14th
day of April, 1995.

In the matter of an investigation into the	)	
exhaustion of telephone numbers in the	)	<u>Case No. TO-95-289, et al.</u>
314 Numbering Plan Area.	)	(consolidated w/TO-95-290)
	)	

**ORDER GRANTING INTERVENTION
AND ESTABLISHING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

The Commission on March 29, 1995, issued an order allowing responses to motions by the Office of Public Counsel (OPC) and United Telephone Company of Missouri (United) and establishing an intervention date. AT&T Communications of the Southwest, Inc. (AT&T); State of Missouri, at the relation of Jeremiah W. (Jay) Nixon, Attorney General of Missouri, upon information of the Commissioner of the Office of Administration (OA); City of Jefferson, Missouri; MCI Telecommunications Corporation (MCI); Southwestern Bell Mobile Systems, Inc. (SBMS); TCG America, Inc. (TCG); Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (SWB); GTE Midwest Incorporated (GTE); City of Salem, Missouri; and Jackson County, Missouri, filed applications to intervene. GTE, MCI, United, Commission Staff, SWB, TCG, and OA filed responses to one or both of the motions.

The Commission has considered the applications to intervene and finds that the applications should be granted. The Commission finds that each applicant meets the requirements of 4 CSR 240-2.110(14) for intervention.

The Commission in its March 29, 1995, order requested interested persons to address the issue of the Commission's jurisdiction over the renumbering of telephone numbers with the 314 area code. No party suggested that the Commission did not have jurisdiction over this matter. Several parties, though, suggested that if the Commission takes jurisdiction, it should issue an order by

June 1, 1995, since one of the possible solutions to the telephone number exhaustion is creation of a new area code. The creation of a new area code would require new telephone numbers for customers within that new area code and those customers would need time to revise their business operations or personal correspondence to include the new numbers. The other possible solution for the exhaustion of telephone numbers is the overlay of the 314 area code by another area code which would require ten-digit dialing for all customers. This is the plan supported by SWB and GTE.

The Commission has reviewed the responses and the statutes regarding its authority and finds that the renumbering of telephone numbers within an area code is an issue within its jurisdiction pursuant to Sections 392.240 and 392.250, R.S.Mo. 1994. The Commission finds that this matter is of significant interest to the customers and telecommunications companies providing service in the 314 area code and of special significance to businesses, local government and the State of Missouri. Because of the general concern about this matter, the Commission believes that public comment should be sought and a procedural schedule established for parties to prefile their positions. The Commission will establish an expedited schedule so it can reach a decision before July 1, 1995. The Commission will schedule the local customer hearings by a separate order.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That AT&T Communications of the Southwest, Inc.; State of Missouri, at the relation of Jeremiah W. (Jay) Nixon, Attorney General of Missouri, upon information of the Commissioner of the Office of Administration; City of Jefferson, Missouri; MCI Telecommunications Corporation; Southwestern Bell Mobile Systems, Inc.; TCG America, Inc.; Southwestern Bell Telephone Company; GTE Midwest Incorporated; City of Salem, Missouri; and Jackson County, Missouri, are hereby granted intervention in this case.

2. That the following procedural schedule is hereby established:

All parties' direct testimony	May 1, 1995 3:00 p.m.
All parties' rebuttal testimony	May 15, 1995 3:00 p.m.
Prehearing conference	June 1, 1995 10:00 a.m.
Hearing	June 1-2, 1995 1:30 p.m. (first day)

The prehearing conference and hearing will be held in the Commission's hearing room on Floor 5A 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 this order shall become effective on the date hereof.

BY THE COMMISSION



David L. Rauch
Executive Secretary

(S E A L)

Mueller, Chm., McClure, Perkins,
Kincheloe and Crumpton, CC., concur.