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STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

At a session of the Public Service
Commission held at its office
in Jefferson City on the 21st
day of April, 1995.

In the matter of an investigation into the)
exhaustion of telephone numbers in the) Case No. TO-95-289, et al.
314 Numbering Plan Area.) (consolidated w/TO-95-290)
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ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR SHORTENED DISCOVERY PERIOD
AND DENYING MOTION TO FILE DOCUMENTS

On March 20, 1995, the Commission issued an order in this case establishing an expedited procedural schedule for consideration of plans to remedy the exhaustion of telephone numbers in the 314 area code. On April 20, 1995, the Office of Public Counsel (OPC) filed a motion to shorten the discovery time to fit the expedited procedural schedule and a motion to require Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (SWB) to file all information regarding the 314 relief plan it supports with the Commission. OPC states that SWB is required to file such information with the Commission by the Industry Carriers Compatibility Forum NPA Code Relief Planning Guidelines, and that such information should be available for reviewing and copying by the parties in this case.

Because of the expedited procedural schedule which the Commission has established for this case, the Commission will grant the motion for expedited discovery without allowing responses. There is no argument that the normal twenty-day response time for data requests (DRs) is not appropriate for the schedule established for this case. The Commission will therefore order SWB and all parties to respond by April 27, 1995, to DRs already propounded. For DRs propounded after April 21, 1995, responses will be due in five working days. The Commission believes the issues in this case are of great public interest and

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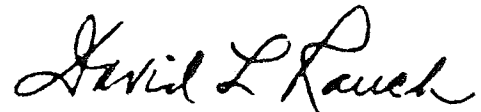
encourages parties to cooperate in exchanging information. Any problems with discovery should be immediately brought to the Commission's attention. The Commission will also order responses and testimony to be sent by overnight mail.

The Commission will also rule on OPC's other motion without responses because of the shortened time. The Commission is not convinced the second motion should be granted since the first motion should provide OPC and any other party filing DRs with the information they request from SWB. The motion appears duplicative, especially since SWB will probably file a substantial amount of the requested information in its prefiled direct testimony. Requiring another complete set of this information therefore seems unnecessary at this time.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the motion to shorten the length of time to respond to data requests filed by the Office of Public Counsel is hereby granted as described in this order.
2. That the motion to file all documents relating to 314 relief filed by the Office of Public Counsel is hereby denied.
3. That responses to data requests and prefiled direct testimony shall be served by overnight mail.
4. 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
and Crumpton, CC., concur.
Kincheloe, C., absent.