BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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## OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of St. John's	)	
Regional Medical Center, Joplin, Missouri, for a	)	Case No. TA-98-121
Certificate of Service Authority to Provide	)	
Shared Tenant Services in the State of Missouri.	)	
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## ORDER GRANTING INTERVENTION AND SETTING EARLY PREHEARING CONFERENCE

On September 17, 1997, St. John's Regional Medical Center, Joplin, Missouri, (St. John's) filed an application with the Commission seeking authority to provide shared tenant services (STS) in the State of Missouri. The Commission subsequently issued an Order and Notice directing interested parties to file applications for intervention no later than November 5.

Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (SWBT) filed a timely request for intervention in this case on October 17, 1997. In its Application to Intervene, SWBT states that it is a "local exchange telecommunications company" as defined by Section 386.020, RSMo 1994, and is authorized to provide telecommunications service in Missouri. SWBT notes that both the hospital and its adjacent medical office building listed in St. John's STS Application are within SWBT's service area as defined by the Commission. SWBT indicates that as a local exchange telecommunications company, its interests differ from that of the general public.

The Commission has reviewed SWBT's application to intervene and finds that it is in substantial compliance with the Commission's rules regarding intervention. The Commission finds that SWBT has an interest in

this matter which is different from that of the general public and concludes that SWBT's request for intervention should be granted.

The Commission further finds that a hearing is necessary to resolve the factual issues in this matter and determine whether it is in the public interest to grant St. John's request for a certificate of service authority to provide shared tenant services. The Commission will schedule an early prehearing conference and set a date for the parties to offer a procedural schedule.

## THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

- 1. That Southwestern Bell Telephone Company is granted permission to intervene in this case in accordance with 4 CSR 240-2.075.
- 2. That the parties shall meet in an early prehearing conference on Friday, December 19, 1997, at 9:00 a.m. at the Commission's offices on the fifth floor of the Harry S Truman State Office Building, 301 West High Street, Jefferson City, Missouri.
- 2. That anyone with special needs as addressed by the Americans With Disabilities Act should contact the Missouri Public Service Commission at least ten (10) days before the prehearing or hearing at one of the following numbers: Consumer Services Hotline -1-800-392-4211 or TDD Hotline -1-800-829-7541.
- 3. That the parties shall file a proposed procedural schedule no later than December 30, 1997.

4. That this order shall become effective on December 1, 1997.

BY THE COMMISSION

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Kevin F. Hennessey, Regulatory 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 1st day of December, 1997.