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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of an Investigation Concerning the)
Continuation or Modification of the Primary Toll) Case No. TO-97-217,
Carrier Plan When IntraLATA Presubscription is) et al.
Implemented in Missouri.)
)

ORDER GRANTING INTERVENTION

The Commission consolidated this case with Case No. TO-97-220 on June 27, 1997, and directed parties wishing to intervene to file their applications no later than July 14, 1997. TCG St. Louis (TCG) filed an Application to Intervene on July 14; COMTEL-MO (COMTEL) filed an Application to Intervene Out of Time on July 17.

TCG states that it has an interest in this proceeding different from that of the general public because it has been certificated to provide interstate interexchange and basic local telecommunications services in Missouri. COMTEL states that it is an association of companies comprised of several interexchange telecommunications companies which operate in the State of Missouri. COMTEL states that it desires to participate in this case because the Commission's decision regarding the Primary Toll Carrier (PTC) Plan may affect the interests of its members as purchasers of access services and as providers of intrastate long distance services. COMTEL states that permitting it to intervene after the deadline will not prejudice other parties or impede the progress of the hearing. In addition, COMTEL states that its expertise in the telecommunications industry makes its intervention in the public interest.

The Commission has reviewed the applications and finds that they are in substantial compliance with Commission rules regarding intervention and that the applicants each have an interest in this matter which is different from that of the general public. Although COMPTel does not explain its reason for filing out of time, the Commission finds that its intervention would be in the public interest. The Commission concludes that both requests for intervention should be granted.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

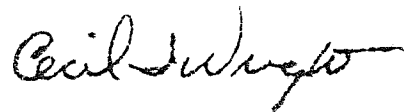
1. That the following parties are granted intervention in this case in accordance with 4 CSR 240-2.075(4):

TCG St. Louis

COMPTel-MO

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

BY THE COMMISSION



**Cecil I. Wright
Executive Secretary**

(S E A L)

L. Anne Wickliffe, Deputy Chief
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 28th day of July, 1997.