

other local exchange companies in light of the Commission's ruling in Case No. TC-96-112, and Southwestern Bell Telephone Company's (SWBT's) tariff filing designed to revise its wireless carrier interconnection service tariff in Case No. TT-97-524. Applicants therefore contend that they have an interest in this proceeding which is different from that of the general public, and that their participation in this docket will serve the public interest.

The Commission has reviewed the applications and finds that they are in substantial compliance with Commission rules regarding participation without intervention, and that the applicants each have an interest in this matter which is different from that of the general public. The Commission concludes that the requests for participation should be granted.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the following parties are granted participation without intervention in this case in accordance with 4 CSR 240-2.075(5):

The Small Telephone Company Group

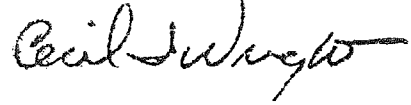
(BPS Telephone Company, Cass County Telephone Company, Citizens Telephone Company of Higginsville, Missouri, Inc., Craw-Kan Telephone Cooperative, Inc., Ellington Telephone Company, Grand River Mutual Telephone Corporation, Green Hills Telephone Corporation, Holway Telephone Company, Iamo Telephone Company, Kingdom Telephone Company, KLM Telephone Company, Lathrop Telephone Company, Mark Twain Rural Telephone Company, McDonald County Telephone Company, Miller Telephone Company, New Florence Telephone Company, New London Telephone Company, Orchard Farm Telephone Company, Oregon Farmers Mutual Telephone Company, Steelville Telephone Exchange, Inc., Stoutland Telephone Company); and

Fidelity Telephone Company and Bourbeuse Telephone Company.

2. That any comments shall be filed no later than September 1, 1997.

3. That this order shall become effective on August 22, 1997.

BY THE COMMISSION



Cecil I. Wright
Executive Secretary

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Elaine E. Bensavage, 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 22nd day of August, 1997.