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**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

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At a session of the Public Service
Commission held at its office
in Jefferson City on the 11th
day of December, 1997.

In the Matter of the Request for Community)
Optional Service from GTE Midwest Incorporated's)
Wright City Exchange to Southwestern Bell Tele-) Case No. TO-97-15
phone Company's St. Louis Metropolitan Exchange)
and GTE Midwest Incorporated's Warrenton Exchange.)

In the Matter of the Request for Community)
Optional Service from ALLTEL Missouri, Inc.'s) Case No. TO-97-146
Greenville Exchange to Southwestern Bell Telephone)
Company's Poplar Bluff Exchange.)

In the Matter of the Request for Community)
Optional Service from GTE Midwest Incorporated's)
Kimberling City Exchange to GTE Midwest Incor-) Case No. TO-97-160
porated's Branson, Blue Eye and Branson West)
Exchanges.)

In the Matter of the Request for Community)
Optional Service from Seneca Telephone Company's) Case No. TO-97-161
Seneca Exchange to Southwestern Bell Telephone)
Company's Joplin and Neosho Exchanges.)

In the Matter of the Request for Community)
Optional Service from Southwestern Bell Telephone)
Company's Vienna Exchange to United Telephone) Case No. TO-97-223
Company of Missouri d/b/a Sprint's Rolla and)
Jefferson City Exchanges.)

In the Matter of the Request for Community)
Optional Service from Southwestern Bell Telephone) Case No. TO-97-244
Company's Neosho Exchange to Southwestern Bell)
Telephone Company's Joplin Exchange.)

In the Matter of the Request for Community)
Optional Service from KLM Telephone Company's) Case No. TO-97-330
Deerfield Exchange to Southwestern Bell Telephone)
Company's Nevada Exchange.)

In the Matter of the Request for Community)
Optional Service from Green Hills Telephone) Case No. TO-97-336
Corporation's Knoxville Exchange to Southwestern)
Bell Telephone Company's Richmond Exchange.)

In the Matter of the Request for Community)
Optional Service from GTE Midwest Incorporated's) Case No. TO-97-370
Stewartsville Exchange to Southwestern Bell Tele-)
phone Company's St. Joseph Exchange.)

ORDER DISMISSING COS PETITIONS

The Commission consolidated a number of community optional service (COS) petitions by orders issued in March and April of 1997 in order to consider a common issue. Some local exchange companies requested protective orders for the calling study results required to be filed in these cases on the grounds that the information constitutes trade secrets. The parties filed a joint stipulation of facts and submitted briefs.

In the meantime the Commission had taken up the issue of whether COS service should be continued. Case No. TW-97-333 was established to determine the future of COS service in a competitive basic local telecommunications environment. The Commission issued its order in TW-97-333 on October 16, finding that COS service should be discontinued throughout the state by March 31, 1998, and directing that all pending petitions for the service be dismissed. The Commission denied the motions filed for clarification and rehearing on November 18. In light of those orders the issue of the confidentiality of COS calling study results is now moot. Accordingly, these consolidated cases shall be dismissed.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the petitions for COS service filed in these consolidated cases are dismissed in accordance with the Commission's order in Case No. TW-97-333.
2. That all pending motions for protective orders are dismissed as moot.
3. That this order shall become effective on December 23, 1997.

4. That these cases shall be closed on December 24, 1997.

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dale Hardy Roberts". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

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Lumpe, Ch., Crumpton, Drainer and
Murray, CC., concur.

Wickliffe, Deputy Chief Regulatory Law Judge