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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of BellSouth BSE,)
Inc. for a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity) Case No. TA-98-124
to Provide Basic Local Exchange and Interexchange)
Telecommunications Services Throughout Missouri.)
)

ORDER AND NOTICE

BellSouth BSE, Inc. (BellSouth BSE) filed an application on September 18, 1997, for certificates of service authority to provide basic local telecommunications service, and interexchange telecommunications service in the State of Missouri under 4 CSR 240-2.060(4). BellSouth BSE wishes to provide resold and facilities-based services in all the exchanges currently served by Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, GTE Midwest Incorporated, and United Telephone Company of Missouri, d/b/a Sprint. BellSouth BSE asked to be classified as a competitive company and receive a lesser degree of regulation as permitted by Sections 392.361 and 392.420, RSMo.¹ The company requested a temporary waiver of 4 CSR 240-2.060(4) (H) that requires an applicant to file a tariff simultaneously with its application on the grounds that it must execute interconnection agreements with underlying ILECs, and have the agreements approved by the Commission, before it can price its services. Finally, BellSouth BSE requested waiver of the following statutes and Commission rules:

¹ All statutory references are to the Revised Statutes of Missouri, unless otherwise indicated.

Statutes

Commission Rules

392.210.2
392.270
392.280
392.290.1
392.300.2
392.310
392.320
392.330, RSMo Supp. 1996.
392.340

4 CSR 240-10.020
4 CSR 240-30.040
4 CSR 240-35

The Commission finds that notice of this application should be sent to the same companies that receive notice of applications for interexchange service authority, and that interested parties should have the opportunity to intervene. Applications to intervene should be submitted by October 24, 1997, to the Executive Secretary of the Missouri Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 360, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102, and copies sent to:

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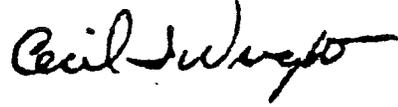
If no one requests a hearing, the Commission may determine that no hearing is necessary and grant the authority requested based on the verified petition. State ex rel. Rex Deffenderfer Enterprises, Inc. v. Public Service Commission, 776 S.W.2d 494, 496 (Mo. App. 1989).

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the Records Department of the Commission shall send notice of this application as described above.
2. That parties wishing to intervene shall file an application to intervene no later than October 24, 1997.

3. That this order shall become effective on September 24, 1997.

BY THE COMMISSION



**Cecil I. Wright
Executive Secretary**

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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 24th day of September, 1997.