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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the matter of the request for Community Optional )  
Service from Eastern Missouri Telephone's Silex ) CASE NO. TO-95-208  
Exchange to Southwestern Bell Telephone's St. Louis )  
Metropolitan Exchange. )

ORDER DIRECTING CALLING STUDY

The Commission has received a petition signed by residents of the Silex exchange served by Eastern Missouri Telephone Company (Eastern Missouri) requesting community optional service (COS) from the Silex exchange to the St. Louis metropolitan area served by Southwestern Bell Telephone Company.

On December 29, 1989, the Commission issued a Report and Order in Case No. TO-87-131 directing that COS be offered to customers in exchanges demonstrating a community of interest. The Commission found that a community of interest would be demonstrated if a calling usage study showed that six calls per access line per month are made on the average from the petitioning exchange to the requested exchange and two-thirds of the customers in the petitioning exchange make two or more calls per month to the requested exchange. The petitioning exchange is the exchange from which the petition is received for COS.

On December 23, 1992, the Commission issued a Report and Order in Case No. TO-92-306 approving a statewide expanded calling scope plan. The plan, among other provisions, modifies COS to a two-way service only and adjusts the rates for COS.

In view of the foregoing, the Commission determines that Eastern Missouri should perform a calling usage study, covering one billing cycle, to determine whether a sufficient community of interest exists between the Silex exchange and the St. Louis metropolitan area to justify the implementation of COS. If the requested route fails to meet the

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calling criteria, it will be dismissed. However, if the requested route passes the calling criteria, the Commission will order implementation of COS.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. That Eastern Missouri Telephone Company shall perform a calling usage study covering one billing cycle as provided herein.

2. That the results of the calling usage study directed in Ordered Paragraph 1 shall be filed with the Commission on or before May 26, 1995.

3. That this Order shall become effective on the date hereof.

BY THE COMMISSION



David L. Rauch  
Executive Secretary

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Mark A. Grothoff, Hearing Examiner,  
by delegation of authority under Commission  
Directive of January 3, 1995, pursuant to  
Section 386.240, RSMo 1994.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,  
on this 26th day of January, 1995.