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Mr. Dale Hardy Roberts
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Re: Case No. TW-97-333

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed please find the original plus fourteen (14) copies of Request to Delay Distribution of Commission Notice Regarding Elimination of Community Optional Service for filing in the above referenced matter. Please bring this matter to the attention of the appropriate Commission personnel. A copy of this filing is being sent to all parties of record.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
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In the Matter of an Investigation)
into the Provision of Community Optional) Case No. TW-97-333
Calling Service in Missouri.)

REQUEST TO DELAY DISTRIBUTION OF
COMMISSION NOTICE REGARDING ELIMINATION OF
COMMUNITY OPTIONAL SERVICE

Come now Alltel Missouri, Inc., Cass County Telephone Company, Craw-Kan Telephone Cooperative, Inc., Fidelity Telephone Company, Bourbeuse Telephone Company, New Florence Telephone Company, New London Telephone Company, and Stoutland Telephone Company, and for their Request to Delay Distribution of Commission Notice Regarding Elimination of Community Optional Service state to the Commission as follows:

1. On October 16, 1997, the Commission issued its Report and Order in the above-referenced case. This Order stated that "community optional service in the State of Missouri shall be eliminated not later than March 31, 1998." The Order further stated that "all telecommunications companies currently offering community optional service shall notify all their customers that community optional service shall be eliminated in their exchanges," and that "the participants to this case shall meet with the Commission staff to create one uniform notice to be sent to community optional service customers. Such proposed notice shall be submitted to the Commission for approval on or before November 17, 1997."

2. The companies listed above are local exchange carriers (LECs) subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission who participated in Case No. TW-97-33 as members of the Small Telephone Company Group ("STCG").

3. On November 17, 1997, the parties and Staff submitted a proposed Notice to the

Commission for its approval. On December 24, 1997, the Commission issued its Order Approving Notice and on December 26, 1997, a Notice of Correction of Order Approving Notice. Attached to this Order was a copy of the Notice to be sent to community optional customers. This Order stated that "these notices may be provided as a bill insert or may be issued as a direct and separate mailing" at the option of the local exchange company. This Notice stated that "mandatory two-way Community Optional Service (COS) must be discontinued effective March 31, 1998."

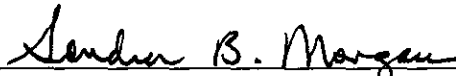
4. The Commission did not specify a date certain for distribution of this official Notice, and the LECs listed above chose to delay sending the Notice to their customers until the February or March billing cycle.

5. On February 17, 1998, the Commission issued an Order Regarding Extension of Deadline in this case suspending its March 31, 1998, deadline for the elimination of COS and stating that the service would be phased out on or after June 1, 1998, depending upon the date when either the target or the petitioning COS exchange implements intraLATA presubscription. All exchanges were required to eliminate COS no later than February 28, 1999.

6. Thus, the information contained in the Commission's Notice is no longer accurate and would only serve to confuse the COS customers who have now learned through the press and through their legislators that the deadline for elimination has been postponed. Therefore, the companies listed above request that the Commission grant them permission to delay sending this official Commission Notice until such time as the company will be able to state definitely when the service will be discontinued in the affected exchange.

Wherefore, Alltel Missouri, Inc., Cass County Telephone Company, Craw-Kan Telephone Cooperative, Inc., Fidelity Telephone Company, Bourbeuse Telephone Company, New Florence Telephone Company, New London Telephone Company, and Stoutland Telephone Company respectfully request that the Commission grant their request to delay distributing the Commission's official Notice regarding the elimination of community optional service until such time as there is a definite date for the elimination of the service in the appropriate exchange and for any other orders appropriate in the circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,


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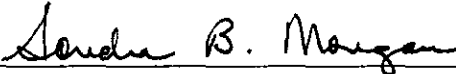
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