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Mr. Dale Hardy Roberts
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Re: TW-97-333

Missouri Public
Service Commission

Dear Secretary Roberts:

Enclosed please find an original and 14 copies of the Mid-Missouri Group's Motion for Clarification of the Commission's October 1, 1998 Order Further Extending Deadline for Mandatory Elimination of Community Optional Service.

A copy of this letter and a copy of the enclosed Motion has been served upon all attorneys of record.

Thank you for seeing this filed.

Sincerely,


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

MOTION FOR CLARIFICATION

Comes now the Mid-Missouri Group of Local Exchange Companies, and after reviewing the Commission's October 1, 1998 Order further extending deadline for mandatory elimination of Community Optional Service, and seeks clarification in the following regards:

1. In prior orders in this case, as well as in TO-97-217, the Commission had linked the elimination of COS to the earlier of implementation in a COS target exchange, or the implementation of presubscription in a COS petitioning exchange. The Commission had previously announced a final deadline for elimination of COS of February 28, 1999.

2. In the Commission's Order of October 1, 1998, the Commission "further extended the deadline for the mandatory elimination of COS in Missouri from February 28, 1999 to a date to be determined after the final resolution of the PTC Plan.

3. GTE and Sprint/United are already in the process of implementing presubscription in their exchanges. They currently have plans that would result in the implementation of presubscription in COS target exchanges on December 9, 1998 (GTE), and in early February, 1999 (Sprint). If GTE and Sprint/United proceed with this schedule, it will result in the termination of Community Optional Service in certain SC exchanges prior to February 28, 1999, and prior to the SC's implementation of

presubscription.

4. Based upon the Commission's earlier orders linking the elimination of COS with the implementation of presubscription, and the Cole County Circuit Court September 11, 1998 decision in Case No. TO-97-217, the Mid-Missouri Group had interpreted the Order further extending the deadline as precluding the elimination of COS on any routes prior to February 28, 1999.

5. If the interpretation of the Mid-Missouri Group is correct, then any actions of GTE and Sprint/United in implementing presubscription in COS target exchanges and coincidentally eliminating COS from both the petition and targeting exchanges of any effected COS route, will result in the elimination of COS prior to the deadline as extended by the Commission's October 1, 1998 Order.

6. A clarification order from the Commission in this regard is appropriate, so that all LEC's, PTC's and SC's alike, will know if in the future COS will be subject to being eliminated prior to final resolution of the PTC Plan issues, and prior to any further deadlines for the elimination of COS the Commission may enter in the future.

WHEREFORE, on the basis of the foregoing, the Mid-Missouri Group respectfully requests that the Commission clarify its October 1, 1998 Order in these regards.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that a true and correct copy
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5 day of October, 1998, to:

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