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Secretary of the Commission
Missouri Public Service Commission
200 Madison Street, Suite 100
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Re: Conforming Interconnection Agreement Filing
Case No. TK-2006-0043 (Xspedius)
Case No. TK-2006-0048 (Birch/Ionex)
Case No. TK-2006-0049 (CLEC Coalition)

Dear Secretary of the Commission:

Attached, pursuant to the Missouri Public Service Commission's ("Commission's") Order Extending Filing Deadline and Amending Interconnection Agreement by Interlineations¹ and the August 3, 2005 Order Directing Filing, is the successor Interconnection Agreement to the Missouri 271 Agreement between Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P., d/b/a SBC Missouri and the CLEC Coalition.² The parties have worked diligently to conform the Agreement to the Commission's July 11, 2005 Arbitration Order in this case and, in some instances, have made technical corrections or settled conformance disputes with language that was not previously included in filed DPLs. In all such instances, however, we believe the language comports with the principles and intent of the Commission's Arbitration Order.

The parties, however, have been unable to reach conforming language on a very few discrete issues. The disputed issues are identified in the attached Interconnection Agreement through use of bold and underlined language. The parties respectfully request Commission determination on the appropriate language to be included in the conformed agreement for these remaining disputes. To assist the Commission in this determination, the parties will each be filing a single brief by 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 4, 2005 outlining their respective positions on these issues.

The submission of this Agreement does not indicate voluntary agreement to contract provisions a party may have disputed before the Commission. The parties each reserve their rights, pursuant to 47 U.S.C. 252(e)(6), to contest determinations made by the Commission in this case.

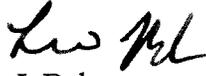
Please call us with questions or if additional information is needed.

¹ Order Extending Filing Deadline and Amending Interconnection Agreement by Interlineations, Case No. TO-2005-0336, issued July 14, 2005 at p. 3.

² The CLEC Coalition consists of Big River Telephone Company; Birch Telecom of Missouri, Inc. and Ionex communications, Inc.; NuVox Communications of Missouri, Inc.; Socket Telecom, LLC; XO Communications Services, Inc., formerly known as and successor by merger to XO Missouri, Inc. and Allegiance Telecom of Missouri, Inc., and Xspedius Management Co. Switched Services, LLC, dba Xspedius Communications ("The CLEC Coalition").

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Very truly yours,



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