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Dale Hardy Roberts  
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge  
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P.O. Box 360  
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RE: *Joint Application of AT&T Wireless Services, Inc. and ALLTEL Communications Services Corporation for Approval of Interconnection Agreement Under the Telecommunications Act of 1996.*

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed for filing of the above-referenced matter are the original and eight (8) copies of the Joint Application of AT&T Wireless Services, Inc. and ALLTEL Communications Services Corporation for Approval of Interconnection Agreement Under the Telecommunications Act of 1996. An original and five (5) copies of the executed Interconnection Agreement are enclosed with this filing.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

  
Larry W. DORITY

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Enclosures

cc: Office of the Public Counsel  
Dana K. Joyce, General Counsel  
Paul S. DeFord

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
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Case No. 70-2001-400

**JOINT APPLICATION OF AT&T WIRELESS SERVICES, INC.  
AND ALLTEL COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES CORPORATION FOR  
APPROVAL OF INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT UNDER THE  
TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1996**

COME NOW AT&T Wireless Services, Inc. ("AWS") and ALLTEL Communications Services Corporation ("ALLTEL"), (collectively "Applicants"), and hereby file their Joint Application for Approval of Interconnection Agreement ("Agreement") between AWS and ALLTEL under the Telecommunications Act of 1996 ("the Federal Act") and would respectfully show the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") the following:

**I. INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT REACHED**

Applicants jointly present to this Commission for approval an Interconnection Agreement (Agreement, Attachment 1) negotiated and executed pursuant to the terms of the Federal Act. After extensive good faith negotiations between AWS and ALLTEL, the Agreement was executed by AWS on November 8, 2000 and by ALLTEL on September 27, 2000. The Agreement includes six attachments, which are incorporated into the Agreement. There are no outstanding issues between AWS and ALLTEL that need the assistance of mediation or arbitration.

## **II. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL**

AWS and ALLTEL jointly seek the Commission's approval of the Agreement, consistent with the provisions of the Federal Act and Missouri law. Both parties represent that the implementation of this Agreement complies fully with Section 252(e) of the Federal Act because the Agreement is consistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity and does not discriminate against any telecommunications carrier.

AWS and ALLTEL respectfully request that the Commission grant expeditious approval of this Agreement, without change, suspension or other delay in its implementation. This is a bilateral agreement, reached as a result of negotiations and compromise between the parties.

## **III. STANDARD FOR REVIEW**

The statutory standards of review are set forth in Section 252(e) of the Federal Act which provides as follows:

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(e) **Approval by State Commission**

- (1) Approval required.--Any interconnection agreement adopted by negotiation or arbitration shall be submitted for approval to the State commission. A State commission to which an agreement is submitted shall approve or reject the agreement, with written findings as to any deficiencies.
- (2) Grounds for rejection.--The State commission may only reject --
  - (A) an agreement (or any portion thereof) adopted by negotiation under subsection (a) if it finds that --
    - (i) the agreement (or portion thereof) discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement;
    - or

- (ii) the implementation of such agreement or portion is not consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity;

#### IV. MISSOURI LAW

The negotiated and executed Agreement is consistent with Missouri law.

#### V. CONCLUSION

For the reasons set forth above, AWS and ALLTEL respectfully request that the Commission approve the Agreement expeditiously.

Respectfully submitted,

AT&T Wireless Services, Inc.

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### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing document were served to all parties on the Service List by first-class postage prepaid, U.S. Mail on January 23, 2001.

  
Larry W. Dority

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