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The Honorable Dale Hardy Roberts
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Missouri Public Service Commission
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Re: Case No. TW-97-333

Dear Judge Roberts:

Enclosed for filing with the Commission in the above-referenced case are an original and 14 copies of Southwestern Bell Telephone Company's Response to STCG Motion for Stay.

Thank you for bringing this matter to the attention of the Commission.

Very truly yours,

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Enclosure

cc: Attorneys of Record

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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In the Matter of an Investigation into the Provision)
of Community Optional Calling Service in Missouri.)

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Case No. TW-97-333

**SOUTHWESTERN BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY'S
RESPONSE TO STCG MOTION FOR STAY**

Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, in response to the Small Telephone Company Group's (STCG) October 9, 1998 Motion to Stay the elimination of Community Optional Service (COS) in certain STCG exchanges, states:

1. STCG's Motion expresses concern that its customers in nine exchanges will lose COS when GTE Services Corporation (GTE) and Sprint Communications Company (Sprint) implement intraLATA presubscription. These nine exchanges (listed on Attachment A to STCG's Motion) are petitioning exchanges that target six GTE and three Sprint exchanges. When GTE and Sprint implement intraLATA presubscription in these target exchanges, COS will be eliminated at the same time. Southwestern Bell is the Primary Toll Carrier (PTC) in eight of these exchanges (excluding only the Myrtle-Thayer COS route in which GTE is the PTC).

2. Due to the Cole County Circuit Court's Order overturning the Commission's March 12, 1998 Order in Case No. TO-97-217/TO-97-220 and the Commission's order temporarily suspending further proceedings in that case, it does not appear that intraLATA presubscription will be available in these secondary carrier (SC) exchanges at the time COS is eliminated. While Southwestern Bell's alternative services including 1+ Saver plans will continue to be available, additional alternative services from 1+ intraLATA carriers will not. To

date, the secondary carriers for these exchanges have not been willing to offer their customers an alternative to replace COS.

3. In order to help mitigate the impact on these secondary carrier customers, Southwestern Bell would be willing, on a temporary basis, to offer a one-way flat rated calling plan to replace COS in secondary carrier exchanges where Southwestern Bell serves as the PTC. Upon notice from the Commission, Southwestern Bell would make a tariff filing for such a plan at compensatory rates to be implemented as soon as Southwestern Bell could accomplish the work necessary to provide the service. This service would, under the terms of the proposed tariff, expire at the earlier of the SC's implementation of intraLATA presubscription or July 1, 1999. Southwestern Bell believes this will give the secondary carriers ample time to develop an alternative to COS to meet their customers' calling needs.

Respectfully submitted,

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