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VIA OVERNIGHT DELIVERY

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**Missouri Public
Service Commission**

Re: Request for Expedited Treatment in Docket No. CA-2005-0425
Metropolitan Telecommunications of Missouri, Inc.

Dear Ms. Dale:

With this letter, Metropolitan Telecommunications of Missouri, Inc. ("MetTel") respectfully requests expedited review treatment in Docket No. CA-2005-0425 – the 13-State Interconnection Agreement between SBC and Metropolitan Telecommunications. Enclosed please find one original Interconnection Agreement.

MetTel is a certified telecommunications carrier in Missouri seeking to provide a comprehensive package of voice, data and Internet services to businesses and consumers. While MetTel understands Commission has a review process in place, it respectfully asks that the review of the aforementioned Agreement proceed on an expedited basis.

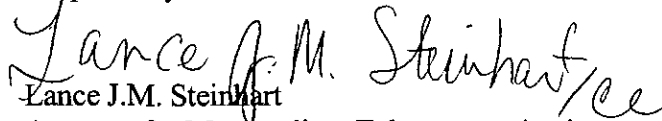
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Significantly, SBC will not process MetTel's customer orders until the Commission approves the Interconnection Agreement. This not only puts MetTel at a competitive disadvantage, but also leaves customers without an additional choice for their telecommunications services. While SBC sympathizes with MetTel's position, it stands firm in its position that the Agreement be approved before moving forward. Meanwhile, MetTel's customer orders remain in a holding pattern until the Commission approves the Agreement. MetTel also notes that the proposed 13-state Agreement is not new; in other words, this is a typical 13-state Interconnection Agreement that several carriers use for interconnection with SBC. If the Commission did not previously take issue with the Agreement, and the parties to the Agreement have no disputes, then expedited treatment should be granted.

MetTel appreciates the Commission's consideration of its request and is available to answer any questions.

I have enclosed an extra copy of this letter to be date stamped and returned to me in the enclosed, self-addressed, postage prepaid envelope. If you have any questions or if I may provide you with any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully submitted,


Lance J.M. Steinhart
Attorney for Metropolitan Telecommunications
of Missouri, Inc.

Enclosures

cc: Sam Vogel

**BEFORE THE MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

In the Matter of Metropolitan Telecommunications)	
of Missouri, Inc.)	
for Approval of a Resale Agreement)	Case No. CA-2005-0425
with Southwestern Bell Telephone Company)	
Pursuant to the Telecommunications Act of 1996.)	

**APPLICATION OF METROPOLITAN TELECOMMUNICATIONS OF
MISSOURI, INC. FOR APPROVAL OF
A INTERCONNECTION AND/OR
RESALE AGREEMENT UNDER THE
TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1996**

Comes now Metropolitan Telecommunications of Missouri, Inc. ("MetTel"), by and through local counsel, and hereby files this Application for approval of its Interconnection and/or Resale Agreement ("the Agreement") pursuant to the Telecommunications Act of 1996 ("FTA 96") between Southwestern Bell Telephone Company ("SWBT") and MetTel, and respectfully states as follows:

I. RESALE AGREEMENT ADOPTED

MetTel is a provider of competitive telecommunications services and has an application currently pending with the Missouri Public Service Commission under Docket No. CA-2005-0425.

MetTel in this Application presents to this Commission for approval the Agreement (Attachment I) executed pursuant to Section 252(i) of the FTA 96. MetTel and SWBT executed the Agreement on June 1, 2005. There are no outstanding issues between MetTel and SWBT which require mediation or arbitration.

II. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL

MetTel seeks the Commission's approval of the Agreement, consistent with the provisions of the FTA 96 and applicable Missouri law. MetTel believes that the

implementation of this Agreement complies fully with the FTA 96 because the Agreement is consistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity and does not discriminate against any telecommunications carrier. The Agreement promotes diversity in providers, provides interconnectivity, and increases customer choices for telecommunications services once MetTel is certificated and has effective tariffs.

MetTel respectfully requests that the Commission grant expeditious approval of this Agreement, without change, suspension or other delay in its implementation. MetTel does not believe that a contested docket or intervention by the other parties, other than perhaps SWBT, is necessary or appropriate.

III. STANDARD FOR REVIEW

The statutory standards of review are set forth in Section 252(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 which provides as follows:

- (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) **GROUND OF REJECTION** – The State commission may only reject –
 - (A) an agreement (or any portion thereof) discriminates adopted by negotiation under subsection (a) if it finds that –
 - i) the agreement (or portion thereof) discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party of the agreement; or
 - ii) the implementation of such agreement or portion is not consistent with the public interest convenience and necessity...

The attached affidavit of David Aronow, President, establishes that the Agreement submitted herein satisfies these standards and Commission approval of the Agreement is otherwise consistent with Section 252(i) of the FTA 1996.

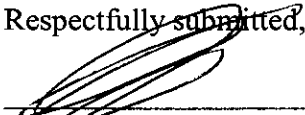
IV. MISSOURI LEGISLATION

The executed Agreement also is consistent with Chapter 392 RSMo because it is in all material respects the same as the 13-State Resale Agreement between SWBT and various other resellers of SWBT's local exchange services which have been previously approved by the Commission.

V. CONCLUSION

WHEREFORE, Metropolitan Telecommunications of Missouri, Inc. respectfully requests that the Commission approve the Interconnection and/or Resale Agreement between MetTel and SWBT as expeditiously as possible.

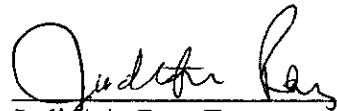
Respectfully submitted,



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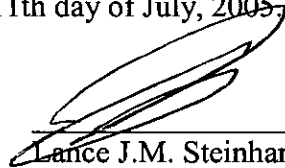


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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing Application of Metropolitan Telecommunications of Missouri, Inc. For Approval of a Resale Agreement with Southwestern Bell Telephone Company Pursuant to the Telecommunications Act of 1996, with Attachments, was sent to counsel for Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, and the Office of the Public Counsel, by depositing same in the United States Mail, first-class postage prepaid, this 11th day of July, 2005.



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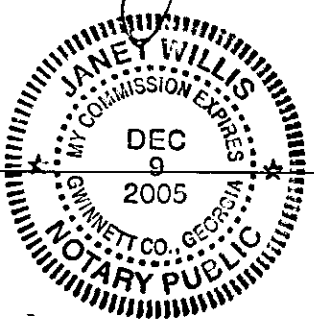
Attorney for
Metropolitan Telecommunications of Missouri, Inc.

I, Lance J.M. Steinhart, counsel for Metropolitan Telecommunications of Missouri, Inc. and pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.060(F), hereby swear and affirm that I have been authorized to file the foregoing Application on behalf of Applicant and that all statements contained therein are true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

STATE OF GEORGIA)
) SS
COUNTY OF FORSYTH)

Janet Willis
Notary Public

My Commission Expires:



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AFFIDAVIT OF DAVID ARONOW

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) SS
COUNTY OF NEW YORK)

Before me the Undersigned Authority, on the 18th day of July, 2005, personally appeared David Aronow, President of Metropolitan Telecommunications of Missouri, Inc. ("MetTel") who, upon being duly sworn on oath deposed and said the following:

1. My name is David Aronow. I am over 21 years of age, of sound mind and competent to testify to the matters stated herein. I am the President for MetTel, and I have personal knowledge, on behalf of MetTel, concerning the Resale Agreement ("Agreement") between Southwestern Bell Telephone Company ("SWBT") and MetTel which is the subject of the Application in the above-referenced case. I am fully familiar with the terms of said Agreement.

2. The Agreement incorporates its price schedules, exhibits and appendices into an integrated package. The Agreement incorporates substantially the identical terms and conditions as the 13 State Resale Agreement between SWBT and various other resellers of local exchange service, which have been previously approved by the Missouri Public Service Commission. Accordingly, the Agreement does not discriminate against any telecommunications carrier that is not a party to the Agreement. The Agreement should be available to any similarly situated local service provider seeking to negotiate a similar resale agreement with SWBT.

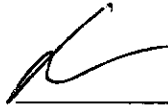
3. The implementation of the Agreement is consistent with the Telecommunications Act of 1996 and is in the public interest, convenience and necessity. Once MetTel is fully certificated by the Missouri Public Service Commission and has received approval of its tariffs, the Agreement will allow MetTel to resell the local exchange services of SWBT within the State of Missouri. This Agreement also is consistent with the provisions of Chapter 392 RSMo.

4. Pursuant to the terms of the Agreement, MetTel will provide Missouri customers an alternative to SWBT for their local exchange telecommunications service

needs. As such, the Agreement serves the goals of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 of promoting diversity of providers and interconnectivity, and the development of a fully competitive telecommunications marketplace for local exchange telecommunications services.

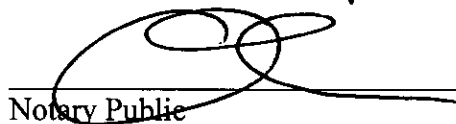
5. There are no outstanding issues between the parties to the Agreement, which require the assistance of mediation or arbitration at the present time.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.



David Aronow
President
Metropolitan Telecommunications of Missouri, Inc.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18th day of July, 2005.



Notary Public

(SEAL)

My Commission Expires: _____

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Notary Public, State of New York
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