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June 11, 2002

Mr. Dale Hardy Roberts Missouri Public Service Commission PO Box 360 Jefferson City, MO 65102

Re: Ellington Telephone Company

Dear Mr. Roberts:

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Enclosed for filing on behalf of Ellington Telephone Company, please find an original and eight (8) copies of a Motion for Expedited Treatment of Tariff Filing and please find three (3) copies of the following revised tariff sheet:

P.S.C. MO. No. 3, 3rd Revised Sheet No. 6.4, Cancels 2nd Revised Sheet No. 6.4

The proposed revisions are to introduce new language that will allow future changes in the Federal baseline Lifeline reduction amount to be implemented through a reference to the Company's Federal Access Tariff. Similar language has been approved in the Missouri tariffs of other local exchange carriers.

Please see that this filing is brought to the attention of the appropriate Commission personnel. If there are any questions regarding the attached, they may be directed to me at the above number.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

Sondra B. Morgan

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cc: Office of the Public Counsel

General Counsel Dee McCormack

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Tariff Revision)		
to Change the Federal Baseline)		
Lifeline Reduction for Ellington)	Case No	
Telephone Company.)		

MOTION FOR EXPEDITED TREATMENT OF TARIFF FILING

Comes now Ellington Telephone Company ("Ellington") and for its Motion for Expedited Treatment of Tariff Filing pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.065(2) and 240-2.080(17) states to the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") as follows:

- 1. On June 5, 2002, the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") released an Order increasing the subscriber line charge ("SLC") for residential and single-line businesses from \$5.00 to \$6.00. This increase becomes effective July 1, 2002. In this same Order, the FCC also announced that the SLC will increase from \$6.00 to \$6.50 on July 1, 2003.
- 2. Ellington's current Lifeline tariff lists the current SLC charge, \$5.00, as the Federal baseline Lifeline reduction. Ellington's Lifeline tariff must, therefore, be revised to reflect the change in the SLC charge and, to be consistent with Federal law, the tariff must be effective July 1, 2002.
- 3. Ellington is on this date filing a tariff revision with a thirty (30) day effective date that will be after July 1. Therefore, Ellington respectfully requests that the Commission expedite approval of this tariff filing so that the revision can be made effective July 1.
- 4. If the Commission grants this request for expedited treatment, Lifeline subscribers will receive the Federal baseline reduction of the full \$6.00 rather than the current \$5.00, thus

avoiding the harm of having to pay a portion of the SLC charge.

5. This tariff filing was made as soon as possible after the company was made aware of the change in the SLC charge and the fact that it was necessary to revise the Lifeline tariff.

Wherefore Ellington Telephone Company, respectfully requests that the Commission grant its Motion for Expedited Treatment of Tariff Filing and make the tariff revision effective July 1, 2002, for the reasons stated above, and for any other relief appropriate in the circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,

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Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing document was hand-delivered this ______ day of June, 2002 to:

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LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE TARIFFS

LIFELINE SERVICE

A. <u>General Regulations</u>

- 1. Lifeline service is available to qualifying low-income subscribers for single party residence service.
- 2. Lifeline service is a reduction in the monthly local service charges normally paid by qualifying low-income consumers. Eligible Lifeline subscribers will receive a baseline credit equal to 100% of the Federal End User Subscriber Line Charge as specified in the Company's Interstate Access Tariff and a supplemental reduction in their residential access line rate for one party service of \$1.75. The components of the reduction to basic residential one-party rates are as follows:

State reduction in local rate:

\$1.75

Federal baseline Lifeline reduction:

The Federal baseline reduction shall be used to waive the consumers federal End-User Common Line charge.

- 3. Lifeline will not be furnished on a Foreign Exchange service.
- 4. Lifeline service shall not be disconnected for non-payment of toll charges.
- 5. Toll blocking provides a means of restricting access to the Long Distance Message Telecommunications Network. Toll blocking for the purposes of lifeline service will restrict 1+, 0+ and 0- (operator handled) calls.
 - a. If the customer chooses "toll blocking" the company will not charge a service deposit.
 - b. Toll blocking is offered to Lifeline subscribers at no charge.
- *Baseline amount of Federal Credit is equal to 100% of the Federal End Subscriber Line Charge as specified in the Company's Interstate Access Tariff.
- *Indicates new rate or text
- +Indicates change

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