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

In the Matter of the Determination of Prices,	)	Case No. TO-2001-438
Terms, and Conditions of Certain Unbundled	)	
Network Elements.	)	

## SECOND JOINT STATUS REPORT

SBC Missouri<sup>1</sup> and the Joint Sponsors,<sup>2</sup> pursuant to the commitment in their first Joint Status Report to update the Missouri Public Service Commission on the progress of their negotiations, respectfully submit the following report:

- 1. As reflected in the parties' January 17, 2003 Joint Status Report, subject matter experts from SBC Missouri and the Joint Sponsors met by conference call on January 13, 2003, and held lengthy substantive discussions on the outstanding issues in this case. Counsel for SBC Missouri and the Joint Sponsors have also conferred several times by telephone to further discuss the outstanding issues in this case.
- 2. As a result of these discussions, SBC Missouri and the Joint Sponsors have made substantial progress in resolving a significant number of those outstanding issues. Of the approximately 30 issues initially raised by the Joint Sponsors, only 12 remain (Issues 42, 43, 44, 49, 55, 61, 62, 68, 158, 598, 317 and 353). SBC Missouri and the Joint Sponsors plan to continue discussions and hope these issues can be further narrowed.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P., d/b/a SBC Missouri, will be referred to in this pleading as "SBC Missouri."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> AT&T Communications of the Southwest, Inc. MCImetro Access Transmission Services, LLC, Brooks Fiber Communications of Missouri, Inc., MCI WorldCom Communications, Inc., Birch Telecom of Missouri, Inc., XO Missouri, Inc., NuVox Communications of Missouri, Inc., McLeodUSA Telecommunications, Inc., TCG Kansas City, Inc., and TCG St. Louis, Inc. (collectively "Joint Sponsors"). Counsel for AT&T has been authorized to represent the other Joint Sponsor parties' concurrence in this Status Report.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Both SBC Missouri and the Joint Sponsor parties represent that their mutual resolution of the Joint Sponsors' issues concerning SBC Missouri's compliance cost studies have been, and will continue to be, resolved in the nature of a settlement limited to this particular case, where neither party concedes its position or is otherwise prejudiced from asserting its position in another proceeding.

3. SBC Missouri and the Joint Sponsors, by counsel, have also held several discussions on the best way to present whatever issues that might remain to the Commission for resolution. Based on these discussions, SBC Missouri and the Joint Sponsors recommend that the remaining issues be presented to the Commission in the form of further briefing, with simultaneous Initial Briefs due Friday, February 28, 2003 and simultaneous Reply Briefs due Friday, March 28, 2003. Counsel for Staff and Public Counsel have authorized the representation that they concur in this recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing document were served to all parties by e-mail on January 30, 2003.

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