

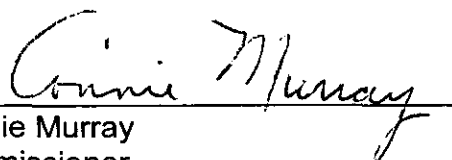
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the matter of the Application of Fidelity)	<u>Case No. IR-2004-0272</u>
Telephone Company for Authority to File,)	Tariff File No. YI-2004-0812
Establish, and Put into Effect New, Increased,)	Tariff File No. YI-2004-0813
or Revised Rates and Charges for Telephone)	Tariff File No. YI-2004-0814
Service.)	Tariff File No. YI-2004-0815

Concurring Opinion of Commissioner Murray

Although I voted for the order, I write today to express my concern and disappointment at the parties' agreement to raise Fidelity's access rates. While Fidelity's access rates are not among the highest in the state, I believe that Missouri's access rates are generally too high and, for many rural carriers, create a barrier to competition. When additional revenue is needed, I prefer that it be found elsewhere.

Respectfully submitted,



Connie Murray
Commissioner

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 21st day of April, 2004.