

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

In the Matter of the Application)	
of Fidelity Telephone Company)	
for authority to file, establish,)	Case No. IR-2004-0272
and put into effect new, increased,)	
or revised rates and charges for)	
telephone service.)	

**RECOMMENDATION OF FIDELITY TELEPHONE COMPANY
CONCERNING PROPER TEST YEAR, WITH ADJUSTMENTS FOR
KNOWN AND MEASURABLE CHANGES, AND
THE NECESSITY FOR TRUE-UP AUDIT AND HEARING**

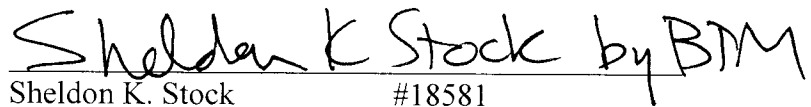
Comes now Fidelity Telephone Company (Fidelity or Company) and makes the following recommendation concerning the proper test year, with adjustments for known and measurable changes, and the necessity for true-up audit and hearing for use in this case:

1. For purposes of the instant case, Fidelity proposes a test year consisting of the twelve months ended August 31, 2003, updated for known and measurable changes through January 31, 2004. This proposed test year and adjustments for known and measurable changes have been addressed in the Company's prepared direct testimony and schedules previously filed herein.

2. The Company is of the opinion that a test year as proposed herein, including an update for known and measurable changes through January 31, 2004, will reflect a proper matching of revenues, expenses and rate base and thus better reflect the Company's true cost of service at the time the rates to be set in this proceeding become effective. If the Commission accepts this test period as proposed, as well as adjustments for known and measurable events occurring through January 31, 2004, then Fidelity is of the opinion that a request for a true-up audit and hearing is unnecessary.

WHEREFORE, Fidelity respectfully requests the Commission to issue its order adopting a test year for use in this case comprised of the twelve months ended August 31, 2003, adjusted for known and measurable changes through January 31, 2004, and for such other orders as are appropriate in the circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,



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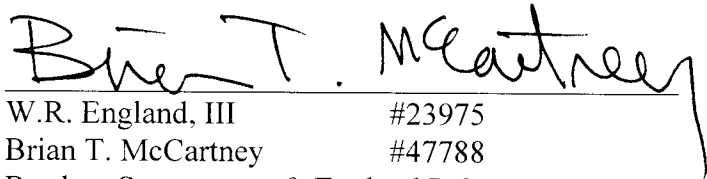
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