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RE: Case No. TA-2001-251 – In the Matter of the Application of ExOp of Missouri, Inc. for Designation as a Telecommunications Company Carrier Eligible for Federal Universal Service Support Pursuant to Section 254 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed for filing in the above-captioned case are an original and eight (8) conformed copies of a **MOTION TO SUSPEND FILING OF THE PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE.**

This filing has been mailed or hand-delivered this date to all counsel of record.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,

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Enclosure

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MOTION TO SUSPEND FILING OF THE PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) and for its Motion to Suspend Filing of the Proposed Procedural Schedule states as follows:

1. On December 6, 2000, the Commission issued its *Order Granting Intervention, Granting Request for a Hearing, Setting a Prehearing Conference, Requiring a Proposed Procedural Schedule, and Directing Filing* whereby it ordered the parties to meet in a prehearing conference. The parties met in a prehearing conference on December 27, 2000 as directed. The *Order* also directed the parties to file a proposed procedural schedule no later than January 3, 2001. However, the parties continue to negotiate a stipulation in this matter and request additional time to reach an agreement, or in the alternative, file a proposed procedural schedule.

2. On behalf of all parties, the Staff requests that the filing of the proposed procedural schedule be suspended until February 7, 2001. All parties indicated their support for this motion to the Staff.

WHEREFORE, the Staff respectfully requests that the Commission suspend the filing of the proposed procedural schedule until February 7, 2001.

Respectfully submitted,

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Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed or hand-delivered to all counsel of record as shown on the attached service list this 2nd day of January 2001.



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