

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

In the Matter of the Assessment Against	)	
the Public Utilities in the State of Missouri	)	Case No. AO-2002-1156
for the Expenses of the Commission for	)	
the Fiscal Year Commencing July 1, 2002.	)	

**SOUTHWESTERN BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY'S  
APPLICATION TO INTERVENE**

COMES NOW Southwestern Bell Telephone L.P., d/b/a Southwestern Bell Telephone Company ("SWBT"), pursuant to Section 386.420 RSMo (2000) and 4 CSR 240-2.075, respectfully seeks to intervene in this proceeding. In support of its application, Southwestern Bell states:

1. In its Order Setting Prehearing Conference and Setting Intervention Deadline, issued on December 2, 2002, the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") stated that it "must ascertain whether the parties to this case, and the utility industry at large, are satisfied with the assessment and the costs supported by the assessment." The Commission accordingly set an intervention deadline of December 31, 2002. As a utility required to pay the Commission's assessment, SWBT has a substantial interest in this proceeding.

2. Southwestern Bell is a "local exchange telecommunications company" and a "public utility," and is duly authorized to provide "telecommunications service" within the State of Missouri as each of those phrases are defined in Section 386.020 RSMo (2000).<sup>1</sup> Southwestern Bell's principal Missouri office is located at One SBC Center, 35<sup>th</sup> Floor, St. Louis, Missouri 63101.

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<sup>1</sup> All statutory cites are to the Missouri Revised Statutes.

3. All correspondence, pleadings, orders, decisions and communications regarding this proceeding should be sent to:

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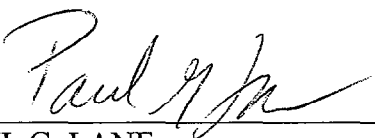
4. Southwestern Bell seeks to intervene in this proceeding because its interests differ from those of the general public. No other party to this proceeding will adequately protect Southwestern Bell's interest.

5. Granting of this intervention will be in the public interest because Southwestern Bell will bring to this proceeding its expertise in the areas being investigated and its experience as a telecommunications provider.

WHEREFORE, Southwestern Bell respectfully requests the Commission to grant this Application to Intervene.

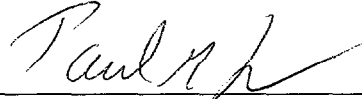
Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

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