

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

In the Matter of the Tariff Filing of	)	
Sprint Missouri, Inc., d/b/a Sprint to	)	Case No. IT-2003-0292
Increase the Rate for the Metropolitan	)	J1-2003-1401
Calling Area Plan.	)	

**SOUTHWESTERN BELL TELEPHONE, L.P.,**  
**D/B/A SBC MISSOURI'S APPLICATION TO INTERVENE**

Comes now Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P., d/b/a SBC Missouri, pursuant to Section 386.420, RSMo. 2000 and 4 CSR 240-2.075, and respectfully submits its Application to Intervene. In support of its Application to Intervene, SBC Missouri states as follows:

1. On January 28, 2003, Sprint Missouri, d/b/a Sprint ("Sprint"), filed a tariff sheet to increase the residential and business monthly rates for the Metropolitan Calling Area ("MCA") Plan.

2. On February 20, 2003, the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") entered its Order Regarding Tariffs, suspending Sprint's tariffs for a period of 120 days plus six months until November 28, 2003, unless otherwise ordered by the Commission.

3. SBC Missouri is a Texas limited partnership, duly authorized to conduct business in Missouri, with its principal office at One SBC Center, Room 3500, St. Louis, Missouri 63101. SBC Missouri 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.

4. SBC Missouri seeks to intervene in this proceeding for three reasons. First, SBC Missouri's interest in this proceeding is different from that of the general public. As a local exchange telecommunications company subject to price cap regulation, SBC Missouri's interest

in the proper application of the price cap statute differs from that of the general public. Second, granting of this intervention will be in the public interest because SBC Missouri will bring to this proceeding its expertise in the areas being investigated and its experience as a telecommunications provider. In addition to its status as a price cap regulated local exchange telecommunications company, SBC Missouri is a provider of MCA service and its experience in that area will be of assistance in the resolution of the tariff issue. Third, no other party to this proceeding will adequately protect SBC Missouri's interest.

5. Pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.075(2), SBC Missouri states that it supports Sprint's statutory authority to increase rates for optional MCA service.

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

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Wherefore, Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P., d/b/a SBC Missouri respectfully requests the Commission to grant this Application to Intervene, together with any further and/or additional relief the Commission deems just and proper.

Respectfully submitted,

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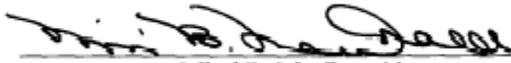
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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

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