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Re:

Case No. TT-99-433

Missouri Public Service Commission

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Dear Mr. Roberts:

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Enclosed for filing on behalf of the Small Telephone Company Group, please find an original and fourteen (14) copies of an Application to Intervene in the above-captioned matter.

Would you please see that this filing is brought to the attention of the appropriate Commission personnel. A copy is being provided to parties of record. I thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

Brian T. McCartney

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cc: Parties of Record

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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In the Matter of Peace Valley Telephone)	•••	"SSIOT
Company's Filing to Revise its Access)	CASE NO. TT-99-433	
Services Tariff, P.S.C. Mo. No. 2.)		

<u>APPLICATION TO INTERVENE</u>

Comes now the Small Telephone Company Group, members of which are set out in Attachment A, (hereinafter "STCG" or "Applicants") and in support of its Application to Intervene in the above-captioned matter states that:

- 1. Applicants are "telecommunications companies" and "public utilities" as those terms are defined by § 386.020 RSMo Supp. 1998 and are therefore subject to the jurisdiction, regulation and control of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") as provided by law. Applicants are incumbent local exchange companies ("ILECs") providing basic local, local, and exchange access services in those areas of Missouri certificated to them by the Commission.
- 2. Correspondence, communications, orders and decisions in this matter should be addressed to:

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On March 9, 1999, Alma Telephone Company ("Alma"), MoKan Dial, Inc.
 ("MoKan"), Mid-Missouri Telephone Company ("Mid-Missouri"), Choctaw Telephone
 Company ("Choctaw"), Chariton Valley Telephone Company ("Chariton Valley"), and Peace

Valley ("Peace Valley") filed tariff sheets designed to tariff rates for the termination of intra-Major Trading Area ("MTA") Commercial Mobile Radio Service ("CMRS") originated traffic.

- 4. On April 1, 1999, the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Staff") filed motions to suspend the proposed tariff sheets and applications to intervene. Staff recommended that the filing be suspended and set for hearing to determine the appropriateness of applying tariffed access rates to intra-MTA CMRS-originated traffic.
- 5. On April 8, 1999, the Commission issued separate Orders suspending the proposed tariffs of Alma, MoKan, Mid-Missouri, Choctaw, Chariton Valley, and Peace Valley in Case Nos. TT-99-428, TT-99-429, TT-99-430, TT-99-431, TT-99-432, and TT-99-433. The Commission found that there were questions of fact and of compliance with the applicable statutes that must be resolved before the Commission can approve the proposed tariff sheets. The Commission also noted that a hearing might be necessary in order to resolve these issues.
- 6. Applicants file this Application to Intervene in the instant proceeding on the grounds that the Commission's decisions in this case may directly affect their interests as providers of telecommunications services in Missouri. Applicants are similarly situated with Alma, MoKan, Mid-Missouri, Choctaw, Chariton Valley, and Peace Valley in that they are being required to terminate CMRS originated calls without compensation. Applicants generally support the proposed tariff revisions that will make it clear that, absent an interconnection agreement, intrastate access charges will apply to the termination of this traffic.
- 7. The Applicants have an interest in this proceeding which is different from that of the general public, and the Applicants' expertise in and perspective on the provision of telecommunications services in this State will aid the Commission in resolving the issues related to this proceeding. Consequently, the Applicants' intervention and participation will serve the

public interest.

WHEREFORE, Applicants respectfully request that the Commission issue an Order authorizing them to intervene in the above-captioned proceeding and for such other orders as are reasonable in the circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,

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Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing document was mailed or hand-delivered, this 28-Waday of April, 1999, to:

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ATTACHMENT A

BPS Telephone Company Cass County Telephone Company Citizens Telephone Company Craw-Kan Telephone Cooperative, Inc. Ellington Telephone Company Farber Telephone Company Fidelity Telephone Company Goodman Telephone Company Granby Telephone Company Grand River Mutual Telephone Corporation Green Hills Telephone Corporation Holway Telephone Company Iamo Telephone Company Kingdom Telephone Company KLM Telephone Company Lathrop Telephone Company Le-Ru Telephone Company McDonald County Telephone Company Mark Twain Rural Telephone Company Miller Telephone Company New Florence Telephone Company Oregon Farmers Mutual Telephone Company Ozark Telephone Company Rock Port Telephone Company

Seneca Telephone Company

Steelville Telephone Exchange, Inc.