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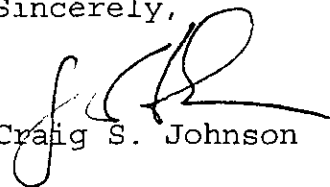
Missouri Public
Service Commission

Dear Secretary Roberts:

Enclosed please find an original and 14 copies of the Mid-Missouri Group's Application to Intervene in the above referenced case. A copy of this letter and a copy of the enclosures have been served upon attorneys for Southwestern Bell Communication Services, as well as General Counsel, and Office of Public Counsel.

Thank you for seeing this filed.

Sincerely,


Craig S. Johnson

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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In the matter of the application)
of Southwestern Bell Communications)
Services, Inc., d/b/a Southwestern)
Bell Long Distance for a Certificate) Case No. TA-99-47
of Service Authority to provide)
Interexchange Telecommunications)
Services within the State of Missouri.)

APPLICATION TO INTERVENE

COMES NOW the Mid-Missouri Group of local exchange companies, Alma Telephone Company, Chariton Valley Telephone Company, Choctaw Telephone Company, Mid-Missouri Telephone Company, Modern Telecommunications Inc., MoKan Dial Inc., Northeast Missouri Rural Telephone Company, and Peace Valley Telephone Company, and for their Application to Intervene sets forth as follows:

1. On August 4, 1998, Southwestern Bell filed this Application for certification of its interexchange affiliate Southwestern Bell Long Distance to have interexchange or long distance toll authority in the State of Missouri.

2. As referenced in that Application, this is one in a series of steps by which Southwestern Bell Telecommunications will obtain interLATA interexchange service authority, in addition to its present intraLATA interexchange service authority.

3. As local exchange company providers, and also in their capacity as potential toll providers under the Commission's Orders regarding the PTC Plan and Origination Responsibility Plan, applicants have an interest that is different than that of the

general public in this proceeding, to wit they are interested in the terms and conditions under which Southwestern Bell, the dominant incumbent lcc in Missouri, enters into the competitive intraLATA toll market, and as well as other issues that may arise with respect to carrier access equality, and parity.

4. All communications, correspondence, or pleadings pertaining to this Application to the intervenors should be addressed to:

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5. Applicants are not opposed to or in support of the Application at this stage, or in the related tariff filings or related Section 271 proceedings which will be entertained; however, applicants to intervene are interested these matters in total, and therefore are interested in this particular Application.

WHEREFORE, in the basis of the foregoing, the Mid-Missouri Group respectfully requests that they be granted leave to intervene and participate as parties in this case.

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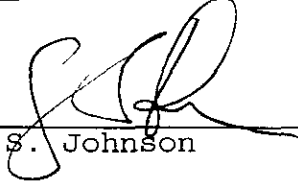
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was mailed first class, postage prepaid this 20 day of August, 1998, to all attorneys of record.



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