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The Honorable Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge
Missouri Public Service Commission
301 West High Street, Floor 5A
Jefferson City, Missouri 65101

Re: Case No. TA-2000-396

Dear Judge Roberts:

Enclosed for filing with the Commission in the above-referenced case is an original and 14 copies of Southwestern Bell Telephone Company's Application to Intervene.

Please stamp "Filed" on the extra copy and return the copy to me in the enclosed self-addressed, stamped envelope.

Thank you for bringing this matter to the attention of the Commission.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Mimi B. MacDonald".

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Enclosure

cc: Attorneys of Record

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
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In the matter of the Application of Reitz Rentals,)
Inc. d/b/a SouthWest TeleConnect for Certificate of)
Service Authority to Provide Basic Local) Case No. TA-2000-396
Telecommunications Service in Missouri, for)
Competitive Classification, and for Waiver of)
Statutory Provisions and Rules.)

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

COMES NOW Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (SWBT) and respectfully
submits its Application to Intervene in this proceeding pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.060 and 2.075.

In support of its Application, SWBT states:

1. SWBT is a Missouri corporation duly authorized to conduct business in Missouri with its principal Missouri office at One Bell Center, St. Louis, Missouri 63101. SWBT is a "local exchange telecommunications company" and a "public utility" and is authorized to provide "telecommunications service" within the state of Missouri as each of those phrases are defined in §386.020 RSMo (1994).

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

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3. In this proceeding, Reitz Rentals, Inc. d/b/a SouthWest TeleConnect seeks a certificate of service authority to provide basic local exchange telecommunications services in exchanges currently served by Sprint Missouri, Inc., GTE Midwest, Inc. and SWBT. SouthWest TeleConnect seeks classification as a competitive company and to receive a lesser degree of regulation as permitted under Sections 392.361 and 392.420 RSMo. (1994) and the waiver of various statutory provisions and Commission rules.

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4. The services which SouthWest TeleConnect seeks Commission authority to provide will be offered in direct competition with SWBT if SouthWest TeleConnect's Application in this proceeding is granted. SWBT therefore has a direct interest in the Commission's decision on SouthWest TeleConnect's Application. At this point, SWBT does not have sufficient information to either support or oppose SouthWest TeleConnect's Application.

5. SWBT's interests as a provider of basic local exchange service differ from those of the general public. No other party to this proceeding will adequately protect SWBT's interest.

6. Granting SWBT's Application to Intervene is in the public interest because SWBT will bring to this proceeding its extensive expertise and experience as a telecommunications provider.

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

Respectfully submitted,

SOUTHWESTERN BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY

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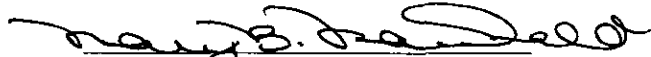
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing document were served to all parties on the attached Service List by first-class postage prepaid, U.S. Mail on January 7th, 2000.


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