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The Honorable Dale Hardy Roberts Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge Missouri Public Service Commission P.O. Box 360 Jefferson City, MO 65102-0360

Re:

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Case No. IR-2004-0272

Dear Judge Roberts:

Please find enclosed for filing in the referenced matter an original and five copies of AT&T Communications of the Southwest, Inc.'s Application to Intervene.

Please contact me if you have any questions regarding this filing. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

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# BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of Fidelity	)	Case No. IR-2004-0272
Telephone Company for authority to file,	)	Tariff File No. YI-2004-0812
establish, and put into effect new, increased,	)	Tariff File No. YI-2004-0813
or revised rates and charges for telephone	)	Tariff File No. YI-2004-0814
service.	)	Tariff File No. YI-2004-0815

## AT&T COMMUNICATIONS OF THE SOUTHWEST, INC'S APPLICATION TO INTERVENE

Comes now AT&T Communications of the Southwest, Inc. pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.075 of the Rules of Practice and Procedure, and for its Application to Intervene respectfully states the following to the Commission:

- 1. AT&T is a competitive local and interexchange telecommunications company duly incorporated and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Delaware, authorized to do business in the State of Missouri as a foreign corporation. AT&T's principal Missouri offices are located at 101 W. McCarty, Ste. 216, Jefferson City, MO 65101. AT&T has been granted authority to provide local exchange service and basic local exchange service in portions of Missouri, as well as intrastate, interexchange telecommunications services throughout Missouri under authority granted and tariffs approved by the Commission. AT&T is also an authorized provider of interstate interexchange telecommunications services under the oversight and jurisdiction of the Federal Communications Commission.
  - 2. All communications and pleadings in this case should be directed to:

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- 3. On December 30, 2003, Fidelity Telephone Company (Fidelity) submitted to the Missouri Public Service Commission proposed tariff sheets intended to implement a general rate increase for telephone service provided to customers in the Missouri service area of the Company. On January 13, 2004 the Commission issued an order and notice directing that interested parties wishing to intervene must do so on or before January 28, 2004. This application is therefore timely.
- 4. AT&T is a purchaser of Fidelity's access services and as well as a competitor of Fidelity. As a wholesale customer and competitor, AT&T has an interest in this proceeding that is different from that of the general public. AT&T may be adversely affected by the rate increases proposed by Fidelity. Therefore, a decision on this matter will affect its interest as a provider of telecommunications services in Missouri.
- 5. Further, AT&T's participation in this proceeding is in the public interest because of AT&T's expertise in the telecommunications industry. At this time, AT&T is unsure of the position it will take on the new rates proposed and the issues that may arise in this proceeding.

WHEREFORE, for the foregoing reasons, AT&T respectfully requests that the Commission grant its Application to Intervene in this matter, and thereby entitle AT&T to have notice and to appear at the taking of testimony, to produce and cross-examine witnesses and to be heard on its argument, and in all other respects fully participate in this proceeding.

Respectfully submitted,

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### ATTORNEY VERIFICATION

STATE OF MISSOURI ) ss. COUNTY OF COLE

I, Mark W. Comley, being first duly sworn, do hereby certify, depose and state that I am the attorney for AT&T Communications of the Southwest, Inc. which seeks intervention in the above captioned proceeding before the Missouri Public Service Commission; that I have read the above and foregoing Application to Intervene and the allegations therein contained are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief; and I/further state that I am authorized to verify the foregoing application by the above said applicant to intervene.

Mark W. Comley

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a Notary Public, this day of January, 2004.

" NOTARY SEAL Kathy J. Hammond, Notary Public

Cole County, State of Missouri My Commission Expires 12/7/2007

#### Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that on this 28<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2004, a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing document was sent via e-mail to General Counsel's Office at gencounsel@psc.state.mo.us and Office of Public Counsel at opcservice@ded.state.mo.us; and I further certify that a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing document was sent by U.S. Mail, postage prepaid to:

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