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Mr. Cecil I. Wright
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P. O. Box 360
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Re: Case No. TW-97-333

Dear Mr. Wright:

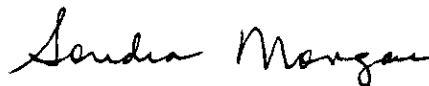
Enclosed for filing on behalf of the Small Telephone Company Group, please find an original and fourteen (14) copies of the following documents:

1. Notice of Participation
2. Motion for Issuance of a Protective Order

Please see that these filings are brought to the attention of the appropriate Commission personnel. Copies are being mailed to parties of record.

I thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,



Sondra B. Morgan

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Enclosures

cc: Parties of Record

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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In the matter of an Investigation)
into the Provision of Community)
Optional Calling Service in)
Missouri.) Case No. TW-97-333

NOTICE OF PARTICIPATION

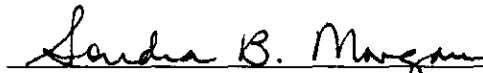
Comes now the Small Telephone Company Group ("STCG"), members of which are listed on Attachment "A," and for its Notice of Participation in the above-captioned matter state to the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") as follows:

1. On March 7, 1997, the Commission issued its Order Establishing Docket to review Community Optional Service ("COS") as that service is now provided in the State of Missouri in light of local competition and equal access issues.
2. Parties who wish to participate in this docket must file a notice of participation no later than March 21, 1997.
3. Applicants provide "basic local telecommunications services" within the exchanges as defined by their respective tariffs which are on file with and approved by the Commission. Applicants are "telecommunications companies" and "public utilities" as those terms are defined by § 386.020, RSMo 1994, and are, therefore, subject to the jurisdiction, regulation and control of the Commission as provided by law. Applicants also are rural telephone companies as defined by the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (the "Act") and small local exchange telecommunications companies as defined by §386.020(31) RSMo. 1996.
4. All correspondence, communications, orders and decisions in this matter should be addressed to the following:

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5. The STCG and its members have participated in the previous dockets relating to the provision of COS in Missouri. The Group's 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, their participation will serve the public interest.

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, United States Mail, postage prepaid, this 19th day of March, 1997, to:

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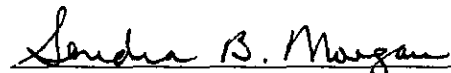
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ATTACHMENT A

Alltel Missouri Inc.
Bourbeuse Telephone Company
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Cass County Telephone Company
Citizens Telephone Company of Higginsville, Missouri, Inc.
Craw-Kan Telephone Cooperative, Inc.
Ellington Telephone Company
Fidelity Telephone Company
Goodman Telephone Company, Inc.
Granby Telephone Company
Grand River Mutual Telephone Corporation
Green Hills Telephone Corp.
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
New London Telephone Company
Orchard Farm Telephone Company
Oregon Farmers Mutual Telephone Co.
Ozark Telephone Company
Rock Port Telephone Company
Seneca Telephone Company
Steelville Telephone Exchange, Inc.
Stoutland Telephone Company