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Mr. Dale Hardy Roberts
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Missouri Public Service Commission
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Re: **Case No. TO-2002-397**

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced case, please find the original and 8 copies of the **Office of the Public Counsel's Reply Comments**. I have on this date mailed, faxed, and/or hand-delivered the appropriate number of copies to parties of record. Please "file" stamp the extra-enclosed copy and return it to this office.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,

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Michael F. Dandino
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cc: Counsel of Record

Enclosure

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

In the Matter of the Determination of
Prices of Certain Unbundled Network
Elements.

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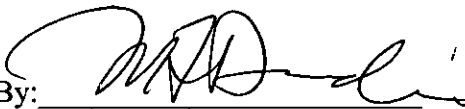
Case No. TO-2002-397

PUBLIC COUNSEL'S REPLY COMMENTS

COMES NOW the Office of the Public Counsel and states that it supports the position taken by Staff in response to PSC Question #3 regarding adopting a hybrid protective order as proposed in this case for all PSC cases. The PSC should not make a major change in the scope of the standard protective order without (1) adequate prior notice to affected parties that appear and practice before the PSC (2) without an opportunity to receive input on the proposed changes from parties that appear before the PSC and the public. Therefore, a rulemaking proceeding as recommended by the Staff is preferable to an order changing the standard protective order for all future cases coming out of this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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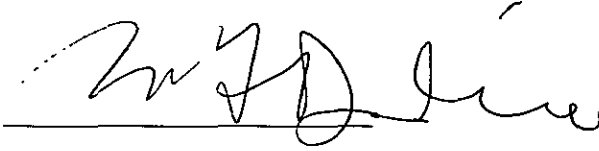
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