

BEFORE THE MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of an Investigation of Voice)
Over Internet Protocol.) Case No. TW-2004-0324
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BIG RIVER TELEPHONE COMPANY, LLC'S
NOTICE OF PARTICIPATION

Comes now Big River Telephone Company, LLC (Big River) and for its Notice of Participation states to the Commission:

1. Big River is a limited liability company duly organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Delaware, duly authorized to do business in the State of Missouri. Big River's principal place of business in Missouri is located at 24 S. Minnesota, Cape Girardeau, Missouri 63072. Big River is authorized as a competitive local exchange and interexchange Telecommunications carrier under a certificate granted by the Commission.

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3. On or about January 30, 2004, the Commission issued a Notice of New Proceeding. On or about February 3, 2004, the Commission issued an Order Establishing Case to Study Voice over Internet Telephony setting a February 10, 2004, deadline for filing notice of participation in this proceeding. By separate motion, Big River asks the Commission to accept this Notice late, so that Big River can contribute its resources and expertise to the proceeding.

4. Big River's interests as a telecommunications company are different from those of the general public. Furthermore, Big River's participation in this proceeding is in the public interest because of Big River's interests in enhancing competition, and because of their expertise in the telecommunications industry.

WHEREFORE, Big River respectfully request the Commission to accept its Notice of Participation.

Respectfully Submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE BY MAIL

A true and correct copy of the foregoing was served upon the parties identified in the attached service list on this 4th day of March, 2004 via e-mail and U.S. Mail, postage paid.

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