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**RE: Case No. TW-97-333 - In the Matter of an Investigation into the Provision of  
Community Optional Service in Missouri**

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed for filing in the above-captioned case is an original and fourteen (14) conformed  
copies of **The Staff's Motion for Extension of Time to Respond.**

This filing has been mailed or hand-delivered this date to all counsel of record.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
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**THE STAFF'S MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND**

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission and for its Motion states as follows:

1. On October 16, 1997, the Commission issued its Order in Case No. TW-97-333 which ordered the elimination of the provision of Community Optional Service (COS) in the State of Missouri by March 31, 1998.
2. On October 27, 1997, the Mid-Missouri Group (MMG), the Small Telephone Company Group (STCG), and the Office of the Public Counsel (OPC) filed various applications for rehearing. On November 5, 1997, MCI Telecommunications Corporation (MCI) filed a Response to the Application for Rehearing and on November 6, 1997, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (SWBT) filed Suggestions in Opposition to Applications for Rehearing.
3. The Commission denied the parties' various applications for rehearing on November 18, 1997, in its Order Regarding Application for Clarification, Rehearing, or the Establishment of a New Docket.
4. On December 19, 1997, OPC filed a Petition Requesting a Stay, the Opening of a Docket, and Public Hearings in this docket. On December 23, 1997, OPC filed its First Amendment to the December 19, 1997 Petition with which it included the signatures of over 1,000 telephone customers opposing the elimination of COS. The Commission has not yet ruled on OPC's Petition.

5. The Staff believes that the issue is very important and would like an opportunity to fully consider its response to the OPC's Petition. The Staff respectfully requests until January 5, 1998, to respond and does not believe that any party will be prejudiced by this extension.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Carol Keith", enclosed within a large, loopy oval flourish.

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#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed or hand-delivered to all counsel of record as shown on the attached service list this 29th day of December, 1997.

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