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# Missouri Public Service Commission

#### **HAND DELIVERY**

Mr. Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Judge
Missouri Public Service Commission
P. O. Box 360
Jefferson City, MO 65102

Re:

In the Matter of Northeast Missouri Telephone Company's Wireless Termination Tariff, Case No. IT-2003-0374, Tariff No.

JI-2003-1660

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed for filing in the above case is an original and eight copies of AT&T Wireless Services, Inc.'s Application to Intervene.

If you have any questions concerning this filing, please contact Paul DeFord in our Kansas City office.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

LATHROP & GAGE L.C.

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# BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

Missouri Public Service Commission

In the Matter of Northeast Missouri

Telephone Company's Wireless Termination

Tariff

Case No. IT-2003-0374

Tariff No. JI-2003-1660

### AT&T WIRELESS SERVICES, INC.'S APPLICATION TO INTERVENE

COMES NOW AT&T WIRELESS SERVICES, INC. ("AWS") and respectfully submits its Application to Intervene in this proceeding pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2 .075. In support of its Application, AWS states as follows:

- 1. On March 5, 2003, Northeast Missouri Rural Telephone Company ("Northeast") filed a proposed Wireless Termination Service Tariff. On March 19, 2003, Northeast filed substitute pages. The tariff covers charges for the termination of wireless calls in Northeast's service area. The tariff is similar in many respects to tariffs approved by the Commission in TT-2001-139. AWS opposed the approval of those tariffs and is currently involved in the appeal of the approval.
- 2. On April 6, 2003, the Commission suspended Northeast's proposed tariff for 60 days after the effective date, or until June 5, 2003. To date, to AWS's knowledge, only Sprint Spectrum L.P. d/b/a Sprint PCS ("Sprint") has been granted intervention in this case.
- 3. In this application, AWS seeks to intervene in this case. AWS is a Commercial Mobile Radio Service ("CMRS") provider as that term is defined in the Federal Telecommunications Act and is subject to the jurisdiction of the Federal Communications Commission. ("FCC"). Further, AWS is a corporation organized under the laws of the state of Delaware. AWS is duly authorized to conduct business in

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Missouri with its principal office for purposes of this proceeding located at 7277- 164<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE, Redmond, Washington 98052.

- 4. AWS's interest in this proceeding is different from that of the general public. AWS will be affected by the Commission's decision in this case because the subject tariffs apply to AWS's traffic within Missouri. Further, while AWS maintains its opposition to the approval of any tariff similar to those approved in TT-2001-139, the tariff in this case raises an additional unique issue the ability of the incumbent carrier to unilaterally set an interMTA factor in violation of the standards set by the FCC. Specifically, the FCC has ruled that "the location of the initial cell site when the call begins shall be used as the determinate of the geographic location of the customer." (See First Report and Order at Para 1044). The methodology for identifying the MTA factor put forth by Northeast is not consistent with this ruling.
- 5. Granting AWS's Application to Intervene will also be in the public interest because AWS will bring to this proceeding its expertise in the areas being investigated and its experience as a CMRS provider.
- 6. Pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.075(2), AWS states that it opposes the tariff revisions under review in this case.
- 7. All correspondence, pleadings, orders, decisions and communications regarding this proceeding should be sent to:

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WHEREFORE, AWS respectfully requests that the Commission grant this Application to Intervene, together with any further and/or additional relief the Commission deems just and proper.

Respectfully submitted,

AT&T WIRELESS SERVICES, INC.

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#### **VERIFICATION**

I, David A. Shorr, an attorney for AWS, hereby verify and affirm that the foregoing Application of AT&T Wireless Services, Inc. for intervention statements contained therein are true and correct to the best of my information David A. Shorr	and that the

Subscribed and sworn to before me this May day of May, 2003.

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My Appointment Expires: \_\_

SUSAN C. KLIETHERMES

Notary Public - Notary Seal

STATE OF MISSOUR! - Cole County

My Commission Expires March 26, 2007

## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned hereby certifies that a copy of the above and foregoing was served on each of the following parties by first-class/electronic/facsimile mail, this 7th day of May, 2003.

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