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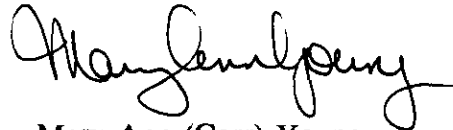
RE: Case No. TA-99-47, Southwestern Bell Long Distance

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed please find an original and fourteen copies of **McLeodUSA Telecom Services, Inc.'s Application to Intervene** for filing in the above-referenced case.

Thank you for your assistance in processing this filing. Copies are being served on Southwestern Bell Long Distance, the Office of Public Counsel and the General Counsel's office. If there are any questions, please call me at 634-8109.

Sincerely,



Mary Ann (Garr) Young

Enclosures

cc: Southwestern Bell Long Distance
Office of Public Counsel
General Counsel
David Conn

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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In the matter of the Application of)
Southwestern Bell Communications Services,)
Inc., d/b/a Southwestern Bell Long Distance)
for a Certificate of Service Authority to) **Case No. TA-99-47**
Provide Interexchange Telecommunications)
Services within the State of Missouri)

MCLEODUSA TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES, INC.'S
APPLICATION TO INTERVENE

COMES NOW McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, Inc. (McLeodUSA
Telecom) by and through counsel, and for its Application to Intervene in this case pursuant to
Section 386.420 RSMo. and 4 CSR 240-2.075, states as follows:

1. McLeodUSA Telecom is an Iowa corporation duly authorized to conduct business
in Missouri with its principal offices located at McLeodUSA Technology Park, 6400 C Street
SW, Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52406-3177.

2. All communications and pleadings in this docket should be served on:

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and

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3. McLeodUSA Telecom is an authorized provider of intrastate interexchange
telecommunications service in Missouri under certificate of service authority issued by this

Commission. McLeodUSA Telecom is also an authorized provider of competitive basic local telecommunications service in Missouri.

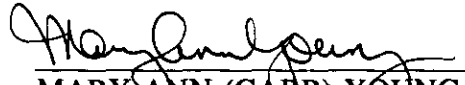
4. McLeodUSA Telecom's interest in this proceeding as a provider of competitive telecommunications service is different from that of the general public.

5. At this time, McLeodUSA Telecom has not determined whether it will oppose Southwestern Bell Long Distance's application. However, McLeodUSA Telecom's intervention in this proceeding is in the public interest because of its expertise in the telecommunications industry.

WHEREFORE, McLeodUSA Telecom respectfully requests the Missouri Public Service Commission approve this Application to Intervene.

Respectfully submitted,

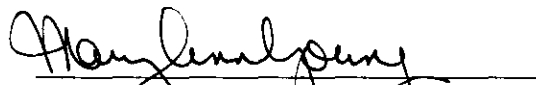
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of this document has been hand delivered or mailed by first class mail, postage prepaid, on this 26th day of August, 1998, to Southwestern Bell Long Distance, the Office of Public Counsel and the General Counsel's office.


Mary Ann (Garr) Young