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The Honorable Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge
Missouri Public Service Commission
301 West High Street, Floor 5A
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Missouri Public
Service Commission

Re: Case No. TA-2000-521

Dear Judge Roberts:

Enclosed for filing with the Commission in the above-referenced case is an original and 14 copies of Southwestern Bell Telephone Company's Application to Intervene.

Please stamp "Filed" on the extra copy and return the copy to me in the enclosed self-addressed, stamped envelope.

Thank you for bringing this matter to the attention of the Commission.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mimi B. MacDonald", written in a cursive style.

Mimi B. MacDonald

Enclosure

cc: Attorneys of Record

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

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In the Matter of the Application of @link Networks,
Inc. for a Certificate of Service Authority to Provide
Basic Local Telecommunications Services in the)
State of Missouri and for Competitive)
Classification.)

Case No. TA-2000-521

**SOUTHWESTERN BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY'S
APPLICATION TO INTERVENE**

COMES NOW Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (SWBT) and respectfully
submits its Application to Intervene in this proceeding pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.060 and 2.075.
In support of its Application, SWBT states:

1. SWBT is a Missouri corporation duly authorized to conduct business in Missouri
with its principal Missouri office at One Bell Center, St. Louis, Missouri 63101. SWBT is a
“local exchange telecommunications company” and a “public utility” and is authorized to
provide “telecommunications service” within the state of Missouri as each of those phrases are
defined in §386.020 RSMo (1994).

2. All correspondence, pleadings, orders, decisions and communications regarding
this proceeding should be sent to:

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3. In this proceeding, @link Networks, Inc. (@link) seeks a certificate of service
authority to provide basic local exchange telecommunications services in exchanges currently
served by GTE Midwest, Inc., Sprint Missouri, Inc. d/b/a Sprint and SWBT. @link seeks
classification as a competitive company and to receive a lesser degree of regulation as permitted
under Sections 392.361 and 392.420 RSMo. (1994) and the waiver of various statutory
provisions and Commission rules.

4. Pursuant to the requirements set forth in 4 CSR 240-2.075(2), SWBT states as follows. The services which @link seeks Commission authority to provide will be offered in direct competition with SWBT if @link's Application in this proceeding is granted. SWBT therefore has a direct interest in the Commission's decision on @link's Application. At this point, SWBT does not have sufficient information to either support or oppose @link's Application.


5. This Commission should permit intervention pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.075(4)(A) because SWBT's interests as a provider of basic local exchange service differ from those of the general public. No other party to this proceeding will adequately protect SWBT's interest.

6. This Commission should also permit intervention pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.075(4)(C) because granting SWBT's Application to Intervene is in the public interest in that SWBT will bring to this proceeding its extensive expertise and experience as a telecommunications provider.

WHEREFORE, SWBT respectfully requests the Commission to grant this Application to Intervene.

Respectfully submitted,

SOUTHWESTERN BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of this document were served on the following parties by first-class, postage prepaid, U.S. Mail on March 15, 2000.



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