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October 24, 2000

Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge
Missouri Public Service Commission
P.O. Box 360
Jefferson City, MO 65101

Re:

Case No. TT-2001-117

Tariff File No. 200100203

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Service Commission

Dear Judge Roberts:

Attached for filing with the Commission is the original and eight (8) copies of AT&T Communications of the Southwest, Inc.'s Application to Intervene Out of Time and Entry of Appearance for Paul S. DeFord and Kevin K. Zarling in the above referenced matter.

I thank you in advance for your cooperation in bringing this to the attention of the Commission.

Very truly yours,

LATHROP & GAGE, L.C.

Paul S. DeFord

Attachment

cc: All Parties of Record

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Access Tariff Filing of)

Ozark Telephone Company

Case No. TT-2001-117

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AT&T COMMUNICATIONS OF THE SOUTHWEST, INC'S APPLICATION TO INTERVENE OUT OF TIME

COMES NOW AT&T Communications of the Southwest, Inc. ("AT&T") pursuant to section 386.420 RSMo and 4 CSR 240-2.075, and respectfully seeks to intervene out of time in this proceeding. In support of its Application to Intervene, AT&T states as follows:

AT&T is a competitive interexchange telecommunications company duly incorporated and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Delaware, authorized to do business in the State of Missouri as a foreign corporation. AT&T's principal Missouri offices are located 1100 Walnut, Kansas City, Missouri, 64106.

AT&T is an authorized provider of intrastate interexchange telecommunications services in Missouri under authority granted and tariffs approved by the Commission, as well as an authorized provider of interstate interexchange telecommunications services under a certificate granted and tariffs approved by the Federal Communications Commission.

AT&T has been granted authority to provide local exchange service and basic local exchange service in portions of Missouri.

All correspondence, pleadings, orders, decision and communications regarding this
proceeding should be sent to:

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- 2. On August 23, 2000, Ozark Telephone Company ('the Company') filed proposed revisions to its Access Service Tariff to eliminate the "interim subject to refund" language which currently applies to the interim revenue surcharge in its intrastate access tariff. The Commission rejected this tariff on August 31, but on reconsideration vacated that Order on September 21 and set an October 5 intervention deadline. AT&T was unaware that the Commission had vacated its previous order and set the October 5 intervention date. Upon learning of this Commission decision AT&T has promptly taken the necessary steps to submit its Application to Intervene.
- 3. Permitting AT&T to intervene at this time should not prejudice any other party to this case nor will it cause any undue delay. The proceeding is still in its early stages and no procedural schedule has been established, in fact the company has yet to file its pleading setting out its recommendation concerning a true-up audit and hearing.
 AT&T is willing to comply to the proposed procedural schedule submitted by the parties on October 20, 2000 if approved by the Commission.
- 4. AT&T seeks to intervene in this proceeding because its interests differ from those of the general public. AT&T is one of the Company's largest access customers and will be subject to the rates set in this proceeding. No other party to the proceeding will adequately protect AT&T's interest.

5. Granting of this intervention will be in the public interest because AT&T will bring its expertise in the areas being investigated and its experience as a telecommunications providers to this proceeding.

WHERFORE, AT&T respectfully requests the Commission to grant this Application to Intervene Out of Time.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE BY MAIL

A true and correct copy of the foregoing in Docket TT-2001-117 was served upon the parties identified on the following service list on this 24th Day of October, 2000 by either hand delivery or placing same in a postage paid envelope and depositing in the U.S. Mail.

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ENTRY OF APPEARANCE

COMES NOW Paul S. DeFord pursuant to 4CSR 240-2.040 and enters his appearance on behalf of AT&T Communications of the Southwest, Inc. in the above-entitled proceeding. The undersigned, Paul S. DeFord is a member in good standing of the Bar of Missouri and is admitted to practice before the Trial and Appellate Courts in that jurisdiction. Neither the undersigned nor any member of the Lathrop & Gage law firm, having office within the State of Missouri, is disqualified to appear in any court.

Respectfully submitted,

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ENTRY OF APPEARANCE

COMES NOW Kevin K. Zarling pursuant to 4CSR 240-2.040 and enters his appearance on behalf of AT&T Communications of the Southwest, Inc. in the above-entitled proceeding. The undersigned, Kevin K. Zarling, is a member in good standing of the Bar of Texas and is admitted to practice before the Trial and Appellate Courts in that jurisdiction. Neither the undersigned nor any member of the AT&T Austin Legal Department is disqualified to appear in any court.

Paul DeFord of Lathrop & Gage, L.C., a member of the Missouri Bar, having offices within the State of Missouri, is hereby designated associate counsel in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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