

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

The Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission,)	
)	
Complainant,)	
)	
v.)	Case No. TC-2003-0251
)	
M.L.M. Telecommunications, Inc.)	
)	
Respondent.)	

**SOUTHWESTERN BELL TELEPHONE, L.P.,
D/B/A SBC MISSOURI'S
MOTION TO BE EXCUSED FROM PREHEARING CONFERENCE**

Comes now Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P., d/b/a SBC Missouri ("SBC Missouri"), and for its Motion to Be Excused From Prehearing Conference, states as follows:

1. On February 26, 2003, the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") entered its Order Setting Prehearing Conference and Order Joining Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P., d/b/a SBC Missouri as a Party ("Order"). In that Order, the Commission set a prehearing conference in the above-referenced matter for April 16, 2003, at 10:00 a.m. Additionally, in that Order, the Commission notes that on January 28, 2003, the Commission directed SBC Missouri to file a response to Staff's request that SBC be made a party to this matter. The Commission further notes that SBC Missouri filed its response on February 10, 2003, indicating that it had no objection to be added as a party in this matter for the limited purpose of ordering SBC Missouri to suspend processing service orders for M.L.M. Telecommunications, Inc. ("M.L.M."). Additionally, the Commission notes that Staff filed a reply to SBC Missouri's response, indicating its agreement with SBC Missouri. The Commission concluded that: "[b]ecause SBC is a necessary party to a full and fair adjudication of this matter, the Commission will add it as a party to this case."

2. SBC Missouri's understanding is that it was added as a party to this case for the limited purpose of ordering SBC Missouri to suspend processing service orders for M.L.M., if

the Commission so desired. As such, SBC Missouri does not plan on conducting any discovery in this matter, does not expect to call any witnesses at the hearing of this matter, does not plan to offer any exhibits at the hearing of this matter, and does not anticipate actively participating at the hearing of this matter. Since SBC Missouri does not anticipate being an active participant in this docket, SBC Missouri's appearance at the prehearing conference is unnecessary.

3. SBC Missouri contacted the attorney for the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, the attorney for the Office of the Public Counsel, and the attorney for M.L.M. No party has any objection to SBC Missouri being excused from the prehearing conference.

WHEREFORE, SBC Missouri prays the Commission grants its Motion to Be Excused from the Prehearing Conference, together with any additional and/or further relief the Commission deems just and proper.

Respectfully submitted,

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