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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the matter of an investigation of )  
Payphone issues pursuant to the ) Case No. TW-98-207  
Telecommunications Act of 1996 )

NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE

Comes now the Mid-Missouri Group of Local Exchange Companies, Alma Telephone Company, Chariton Valley Telephone Corporation, Choctaw Telephone Company, Mid-Missouri Telephone Company, MoKan Dial, Inc., Modern Telecommunications, NE Missouri Rural Telephone Company, and Peace Valley Telephone Company, and hereby apply to participate in all proceedings, including the pre-hearing conference for January 27, 1998.

In support hereof, the Mid-Missouri Group states that they are local exchange companies subject to this Commission's regulation, that they have participated in past dockets designed to deregulate the Payphone industry pursuant to federal dockets and enactments, and that the continued participation of the Mid-Missouri Group with respect to any and all issues in this docket as to rules and regulations acting as barrier, to entry, or to exit, with respect to the payphone market, as well as to the current Commission rules regarding the requirements of incumbent local exchange companies with respect to provisioning payphone facilities, and participation should be allowed to insure that all local exchange companies are participants.

WHEREFORE, on the basis of the foregoing, the Mid-Missouri

Group respectfully requests permission to participate in this docket.

ANDERECK, EVANS, MILNE  
PEACE & BAUMHOER, L.L.C.

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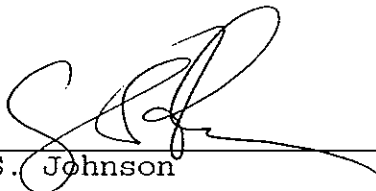
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was mailed first class, postage prepaid this 21 day of January, 1998, to:

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