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Mr. Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge
Missouri Public Service Commission
P. O. Box 360
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Re: Case No. TC-2000-401

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced matter, please find an original and fourteen (14) copies of the Consent to Consolidate and/or Mediate filed by Seneca and Goodman Telephone Companies in above-referenced matter.

Please see that this filing is brought to the attention of the appropriate Commission personnel. If you have any questions regarding this filing, please feel free to give me a call at your earliest convenience. Otherwise, I thank you in advance for your attention to and cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

Brian T. McCartney

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Enclosure
cc: Parties of Record

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
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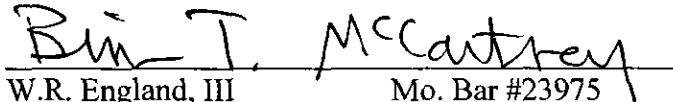
Southwestern Bell Telephone Company v.)
Seneca and Goodman Telephone Companies.)

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CONSENT TO CONSOLIDATE AND/OR MEDIATE

COME NOW Seneca Telephone Company ("Seneca") and Goodman Telephone Company ("Goodman") and hereby consent to this case being consolidated with the similar complaints filed by Southwestern Bell Telephone Company against the Chariton Valley and Mid-Missouri Telephone Companies. Seneca and Goodman also consent to submitting the case for mediation pursuant to the Commission's notice.

Respectfully submitted,



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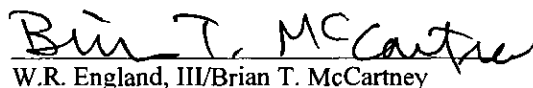
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