

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

In the Matter of the Application of Southwestern)	
Bell Telephone Co. d/b/a SBC Missouri Filing)	
Tariff Revisions to Suspend Billing and Collection)	<u>Case No. TT-2004-0120</u>
Services for a Customer if the Customer is in)	
Breach of Any Other Agreement Between the)	
Parties)	

**SBC MISSOURI’S MOTION
FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND**

SBC Missouri,¹ in response to the Missouri Public Service Commission’s (“Commission’s”) September 5, 2003 Order Directing Filing, respectfully states that it has voluntarily extended the effective date of its tariff in order to permit it to engage in discussions with the carriers that have opposed its proposed tariff in an attempt to address the concerns they have raised. Accordingly, SBC Missouri respectfully requests the Commission to extend the date for filing responses to the Motions to Reject or Suspend Tariff by 10 days (until September 18, 2003). In support of its Motion, SBC Missouri states:

1. On August 13, 2003, SBC Missouri filed a proposed tariff to add language to its billing and collection service tariff to increase SBC Missouri’s ability to protect its financial interests in the event another carrier subscribing to SBC Missouri’s billing and collection services failed to pay monies owed to SBC Missouri or breached a contractual obligation to SBC Missouri. By its terms, the tariff was scheduled to become effective on September 12, 2003. Staff recommended the tariff for approval.

2. On September 4, 2003, AT&T of the Southwest, Inc. (“AT&T”) filed a Motion to Reject or Suspend the Proposed Tariff.

¹ Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P., d/b/a SBC Missouri, will be referred to in this pleading as “SBC Missouri.”

3. On Friday, September 5, 2003, the Commission issued an Order directing SBC Missouri and Staff to file responses to AT&T's Motion by noon on Monday, September 8, 2003. Also on Friday, Sprint Communications Company L.P. ("Sprint") filed a Motion to Reject Tariff raising concerns similar to AT&T.

4. Concurrent with this Motion, SBC Missouri has filed a letter with the Commission voluntarily extending the effective date of its proposed tariff from September 12 to September 26, 2003. SBC Missouri has extended the tariff effective date in order to engage in discussions with AT&T and Sprint in an effort to address the concerns that these carriers have raised. (A copy of this letter is appended as Attachment 1). In the event the dispute can be resolved, it would be unnecessary for either SBC Missouri or Staff to file substantive responses to AT&T's and Sprint's Motions.

WHEREFORE, SBC Missouri respectfully requests the Commission to extend the date for responding to AT&T's and Sprint's Motions from noon today until September 18, 2003.

Respectfully submitted,

SBC COMMUNICATIONS INC.

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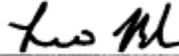


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Attachment 1

September 8, 2003

The Honorable Dale Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge
Missouri Public Service Commission
P. O. Box 360
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102

Re: Tariff Filing JI-2004-0176

Dear Judge Roberts:

Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P., d/b/a SBC Missouri (SBC Missouri) filed revisions to P.S.C. Mo.-No. 36, Access Services Tariff. The Commission assigned this tariff filing No. JI-2004-0176.

SBC Missouri hereby extends the effective date for this tariff filing from September 12, 2003 to September 26, 2003.

William Voight from Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission is aware of this request.

Please refer any questions on this matter to Jason Olson on 314-235-6922.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Jason Olson