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June 18, 2002

Mr. Dale Hardy Roberts Missouri Public Service Commission PO Box 360 Jefferson City, MO 65102

Re: Ozark Telephone Company

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed for filing on behalf of Ozark Telephone Company, please find an original and eight (8) copies of a Motion for Expedited Treatment of Tariff Filing and please find three (3) copies of the following revised tariff sheet:

P.S.C. MO. NO. 1, Section 4, 4th Revised Sheet No. 24, Cancels 3rd Revised Sheet No. 24

The proposed revisions are to introduce new language that will allow future changes in the Federal baseline Lifeline reduction amount to be implemented through a reference to the Company's Federal Access Tariff. Similar language has been approved in the Missouri tariffs of other local exchange carriers.

Please see that this filing is brought to the attention of the appropriate Commission personnel. If there are any questions regarding the attached, they may be directed to me at the above number.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

Sondra B. Morgan

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cc: Office of the Public Counsel

General Counsel W. Jay Mitchell

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

In the Matter of the Tariff Revision	)		
to Change the Federal Baseline	)		
Lifeline Reduction for Ozark	)	Case No.	
Telephone Company.	)		

## MOTION FOR EXPEDITED TREATMENT OF TARIFF FILING

Comes now Ozark Telephone Company ("Ozark") and for its Motion for Expedited Treatment of Tariff Filing pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.065(2) and 240-2.080(17) states to the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") as follows:

- 1. On June 5, 2002, the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") released an Order increasing the subscriber line charge ("SLC") for residential and single-line businesses from \$5.00 to \$6.00. This increase becomes effective July 1, 2002. In this same Order, the FCC also announced that the SLC will increase from \$6.00 to \$6.50 on July 1, 2003.
- 2. Ozark's current Lifeline tariff lists the current SLC charge, \$5.00, as the Federal baseline Lifeline reduction. Ozark's Lifeline tariff must, therefore, be revised to reflect the change in the SLC charge and, to be consistent with Federal law, the tariff must be effective July 1, 2002.
- 3. Ozark is on this date filing a tariff revision with a thirty (30) day effective date that will fall after July 1. Therefore, Ozark respectfully requests that the Commission expedite approval of this tariff filing so that the revision can be made effective July 1, or as soon as reasonably possible.

- 4. If the Commission grants this request for expedited treatment, Lifeline subscribers will receive the Federal baseline reduction of the full \$6.00 rather than the current \$5.00, thus avoiding the harm of having to pay a portion of the SLC charge.
- 5. This tariff filing was made as soon as possible after the company was made aware of the change in the SLC charge and the fact that it was necessary to revise the Lifeline tariff.

Wherefore Ozark Telephone Company, respectfully requests that the Commission grant its Motion for Expedited Treatment of Tariff Filing and make the tariff revision effective July 1, 2002, or as soon as reasonably possible, for the reasons stated above, and for any other relief appropriate in the circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,

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## Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing document was hand-delivered this \_18\*\* day of June, 2002 to:

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