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Missouri Public
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70-2001-489

Re: VoiceStream Wireless Corporation/SWBT Interconnection Agreement

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Please find enclosed for filing on behalf of VoiceStream Wireless Corporation: 1) an original and eight (8) copies of the Application For Approval Of Interconnection Agreement And Request For Waiver Of Portions Of 4 CSR 240-2.060; and 2) an original and five (5) copies of the Interconnection Agreement.

A copy of this filing has been sent this date to the General Counsel's Office and the Office of the Public Counsel. Thank you.

Sincerely,


Brent Stewart

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Enclosure

cc: General Counsel's Office
Office of the Public Counsel
Elizabeth Dickerson

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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In the Matter of the Application of)
VoiceStream Wireless Corporation for)
Approval of its Interconnection Agreement)
With Southwestern Bell Telephone)
Company Pursuant to Section 252(e))
Of the Telecommunications Act of 1996)

Case No. TO-2001- 489

**APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT
AND REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF PORTIONS OF 4 CSR 240-2.060**

COMES NOW Applicant VoiceStream Wireless Corporation ("VoiceStream" or
"Applicant"), by and through counsel and pursuant to Section 252(e) of the
Telecommunications Act of 1996 ("the Federal Act") and the applicable provisions of 4 CSR
240-2.060, and for its Application for approval of its Interconnection Agreement with
Southwestern Bell Telephone Company ("SWBT") respectfully states as follows:

I. 4 CSR 240-2.060 Requirements

1. Applicant's legal name is VoiceStream Wireless Corporation. Applicant's principal
office is located at 12920 S.E. 38th Street, Bellevue, WA 98006, telephone number 1-800-318-
9270, and fax number (425) 653-4640.

2. All correspondence, notices, orders or decisions of the Public Service Commission
("Commission") regarding this Application should be sent to:

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3. VoiceStream is a Delaware corporation duly authorized, either directly or through its affiliates, to do business in Missouri. VoiceStream is engaged in the business of providing commercial mobile radio services as licensed by the Federal Communications Commission.

4. Pursuant to the relevant provisions of Section 386.020 RSMo 2000, VoiceStream is not a "public utility" and therefore is not subject to the general regulatory jurisdiction of this Commission. However, this Commission does have jurisdiction over both the subject Interconnection Agreement pursuant to the Federal Act, and over the co-signatory to the Interconnection Agreement, incumbent basic local exchange carrier SWBT, pursuant to the relevant provisions of Chapters 386 and 392 RSMo. Consistent with its policy on filing interconnection agreements for Commission approval, SWBT is not a co-applicant in this case.

5. To the extent certain documents and statements are not already herein contained, VoiceStream requests pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.015 that the Commission waive the remaining standard application requirements found in 4 CSR 240.2.060 on the basis that VoiceStream is not regulated by this Commission. The Commission recently waived said requirements in VoiceStream's interconnection agreement case with GTE Midwest Incorporated d/b/a Verizon

Midwest, Case No. TO-2001-449, and should again do so here so that a Commission decision in this case is not delayed.

II. The Interconnection Agreement

6. VoiceStream presents to this Commission for its approval the Missouri Agreement For Interconnection And Reciprocal Compensation, with attachments ("the Agreement"), negotiated and executed by and between VoiceStream and SWBT on January 22, 2001 pursuant to the terms of the Federal Act. An executed original of the Agreement with attachments, with the pages numbered consecutively in the bottom right hand corner, is attached hereto as **Appendix A** to this Application.

7. VoiceStream seeks the Commission's approval of the Agreement, consistent with the provisions of the Federal Act. VoiceStream believes that the implementation of the Agreement complies fully with Section 252(e) of the Federal Act because the Agreement is consistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity and because it does not discriminate against any telecommunications carrier. The Agreement promotes diversity in providers, promotes interconnectivity, and increases customer choices for telecommunications in Missouri. As such, approval of the Agreement also is consistent with the policies of Chapter 392 RSMo.

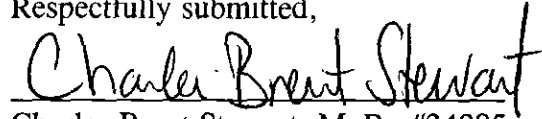
8. The Agreement is in all substantive respects similar to other SWBT wireless interconnection agreements which have been previously approved or which are currently under review by this Commission. There are no outstanding issues between the parties which require arbitration by this Commission. In order to avoid additional post-approval filings, VoiceStream already has numbered the pages of the Agreement consecutively in the bottom

right hand corner of each page consistent with the Commission's past practice. As such, VoiceStream requests prompt approval of the Agreement without change, suspension or other delay in its implementation.

9. The appropriate standards of review of the Agreement by this Commission are found in Section 252(e) of the Federal Act. VoiceStream respectfully submits that under these standards, this Commission should not reject and should approve the Agreement, consistent with the Commission's past treatment in prior cases involving similar SWBT-negotiated interconnection agreements.

WHEREFORE, Applicant VoiceStream Wireless Corporation respectfully requests that the Commission expeditiously approve the Interconnection Agreement between Applicant and Southwestern Bell Telephone Company.

Respectfully submitted,



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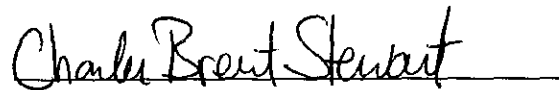
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that a copy of the foregoing Application was sent this date to the General Counsel's Office and the Office of the Public Counsel by hand-delivery this 15th day of March, 2001.



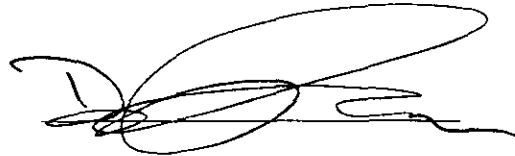
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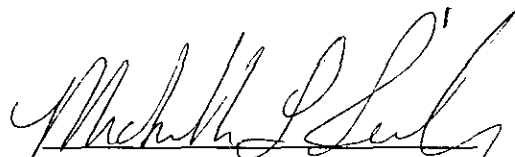
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VERIFICATION

I, Dan Menser, being duly sworn, deposes and says that he is the Corporate Counsel, Regulatory Affairs, of VoiceStream Wireless Corporation the Applicant in this proceeding, that he has read the foregoing Application and knows the contents thereof, and that the same are true to the best of his knowledge and belief.



Subscribed and sworn to before me, a notary public in the State of Washington on this 12 day of March, 2001.



My Commission expires: April 26, 2004

