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VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS

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Missouri Public Service Commission

RE: <u>Application for Expedited Approval of an Interconnection Agreement with Southwestern Bell Telephone Company</u>

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed in this package please find five (5) complete copies of an Application for Approval of a Negotiated Interconnection Agreement between Phone-Link, Inc. ("Phone-Link") and Southwestern Bell Telephone Company ("Southwestern Bell"). Attached to the original and each copy of the Application is an Executive Summary and a complete copy of the Agreement.

Also enclosed is an additional photocopy of the Application, Executive Summary and Agreement. Please date-stamp the photocopy and return it to us in the enclosed self-addressed stamped envelope.

We would appreciate expedited approval.

Thank you for your attention herein. Please contact me with any and all questions or comments so that I may discuss them with you and my client to facilitate the Application's approval.

V*e*ry truly yours,

David W. Gearhart

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cc: Office of Public Counsel (w/ encl.)

General Counsel (w/ encl.)

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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In the matter of the Application of)	
Phone-Link, Inc. for approval)	Case No
interconnection agreement with)	
SBC Communications, Inc.)	

APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF A NEGOTIATED INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT

COMES NOW Phone-Link, Inc. ("Phone-Link" or "Applicant") and hereby files this Application for Approval of the Negotiated Interconnection Agreement (the "Agreement") between Phone-Link and Southwestern Bell Telephone Company ("Southwestern Bell") pursuant to the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (the "Federal Act"). In support of its Application, Applicant states as follows:

1. Applicant is a corporation duly organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, having filed its Articles of Incorporation on August 19, 1997, and with the authority to transact business in the State of Missouri as a foreign corporation. In accordance with 4 C.S.R. 240-2.060(1)(G), Phone-Link incorporates by reference herein the applicable information required by 4 C.S.R. 240-2.060(1)(B)-(F) submitted as part of Phone-Link's Application for Certificate of Service Authority to Provide Prepaid Basic Local Exchange Telecommunications Service on a Resale Basis and for Competitive Classification (TA-2002-373). The information contained in the previously filed application remains current and correct. The Commission has issued an Order granting Phone-Link a Certificate of Authority to provide basic local telecommunications services in the State of Missouri and classifying Phone-Link as a competitive telecommunications company.

- 2. There are no pending actions or final unsatisfied judgments or decisions against Phone-Link from any state or federal agency or court which involve customer services or rates, which actions, judgments or decisions have occurred within three years of the date of this Application. Phone-Link also confirms that no annual report or assessment fees are overdue.
- 3. Southwestern Bell is a Missouri corporation and an incumbent local exchange carrier.
- 4. Phone-Link presents to the Commission for approval the Agreement negotiated and executed by and between Phone-Link and Southwestern Bell pursuant to Section 252(a) of the Federal Act. See 47 U.S.C. § 252(a).
- 5. The Agreement was executed after good faith negotiations and the parties executed the Agreement on March 27, 2000 (Phone-Link) and May 30, 2000 (Southwestern Bell). An Executive Summary is attached hereto at Tab A and a copy of the executed Agreement is attached hereto at Tab B.
- 6. The Agreement fully complies with Section 252(e) of the Federal Act because the Agreement does not unduly discriminate against a nonparty carrier, and implementation of the Agreement is not inconsistent with the public interest, convenience or necessity.
- 7. Phone-Link respectfully submits that the Commission grant expeditious approval of this Agreement, without change, suspension or other delay in its implementation. This Agreement was reached as a result of negotiations and compromise and the parties do not believe that intervention by other parties would further the public interest or provide other benefits.

WHEREFORE, applicant Phone-Link, Inc. respectfully requests that the Commission approve the aforementioned Interconnection Agreement without delay on an expedited basis and for such additional relief as the Commission deems proper and reasonable.

Respectfully submitted,

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The undersigned, David W. Gearhart, being duly sworn upon his oath deposes and states that he is the attorney for Phone-Link, Inc. and that in such capacity he has been authorized to subscribe and verify the contents of the Application by an authorized representative of Phone-Link, Inc. and that all such statements made and matters set forth therein are true and correct to the best of his knowledge, information and belief.

DAVID W. GEARHART

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a Notary Public, this day of October 2002.

My Commission Expires:

JENNIFER BENACK
Notary Public - Notary Seal
STATE OF MISSOURI
ST. LOUIS CITY
MY COMMISSION EXP. AUG. 3,2006

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The parties to the Interconnection Agreement are Phone-Link, Inc. and Southwestern Bell Telephone Company.

The purpose of the Agreement is to provide for the interconnection of the parties' networks for the purpose of providing basic local telecommunications service, including prepaid, resold local exchange service to business and residential customers through the sale of bundled and unbundled services provided by incumbent local exchange carriers.

The Effective Date of the Agreement is to be ten (10) days after the Commission approves the Agreement pursuant to Section 252(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (the "Act") or, absent Commission approval, the day that the Agreement is deemed approved under Section 252(e)(4) of the Act. The term of the Agreement is to commence on the Effective Date of the Agreement and is to expire on June 25, 2001.