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VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS

Mr. Dale Roberts
Executive Secretary
Missouri Public Service Commission
301 West High Street, Suite 530
Jefferson City, Missouri 65101

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Missouri Public
Service Commission

Re: *In the Matter of the Application of ConnectSouth Communications of Missouri, Inc. for a Certificate of Service Authority to Provide Basic Local Telecommunications Service, Local Exchange Telecommunications Service, and INTEREXCHANGE Telecommunications Service in the State of Missouri and to Classify Said Services and the Company as Competitive*
Case No.: TA-2000-585

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed for filing with the Commission is the original and 14 copies of the Request of ConnectSouth Communications of Missouri, Inc. for an Extension of Time for Filing Unanimous Stipulation and Agreement. Please return one file-stamped copy of this document in the envelope enclosed for that purpose.

Thank you for bringing this matter to the attention of the Commission. If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

Lisa C. Creighton /cmw
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Enclosures

cc: Office of Public Counsel
Office of General Counsel
Mimi B. MacDonald, Esq.

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

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Case No. TA-2000-585

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION)
OF CONNECTSOUTH COMMUNICATIONS)
OF MISSOURI, INC. FOR A CERTIFICATE)
OF SERVICE AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE)
BASIC LOCAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS)
SERVICE, LOCAL EXCHANGE)
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE, AND)
INTEREXCHANGE TELECOMMUNICATIONS)
SERVICE IN THE STATE OF MISSOURI AND)
TO CLASSIFY SAID SERVICES AND THE)
COMPANY AS COMPETITIVE)

**REQUEST OF CONNECTSOUTH COMMUNICATIONS OF
MISSOURI, INC. FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME FOR FILING
UNANIMOUS STIPULATION AND AGREEMENT**

ConnectSouth Communications of Missouri, Inc. ("ConnectSouth") requests a short extension of time to comply with the Commission's May 31, 2000 Order. In support of this request, ConnectSouth states as follows:

1. ConnectSouth filed an application for a certificate to provide basic local telecommunications services, local exchange telecommunications service, and interexchange telecommunications services in the State of Missouri, and competitive classification.

2. On May 31, 2000, the Commission granted Southwestern Bell Telephone Company's ("SWBT"), application to intervene. Also on May 31, 2000, the Commission ordered the parties to file a proposed procedural schedule no later than 3:00 p.m. on June 30, 2000. Since the issuance of the Order of May 31, 2000, the parties have been negotiating a Unanimous Stipulation and Agreement that the parties had hoped to file by June 30, 2000.

3. The parties anticipate that they will come to an agreement and be able to sign the Unanimous Stipulation and Agreement in the very near future.

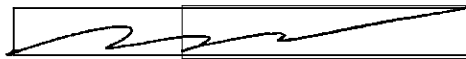
4. Based on the above, ConnectSouth hereby requests that the June 30, 2000 date be suspended until such time as the parties have signed the Unanimous Stipulation and Agreement.

5. If, for any reason, any act occurs that indicates a Unanimous Stipulation and Agreement will not be reached, ConnectSouth will immediately inform this Commission and file a proposed procedural schedule.

6. WHEREFORE, based on the above, ConnectSouth Communications of Missouri, Inc. requests that the June 30, 2000 date be suspended until such time as the parties have signed the Unanimous Stipulation and Agreement.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that on this 29th day of June, 2000, a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing was transmitted via facsimile to:

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