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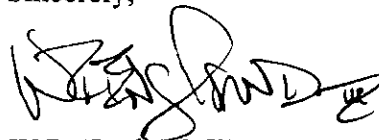
Re: Case No. TW-97-333

Dear Mr. Wright:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced matter, please find the Response of the Small Telephone Company Group to CompTel's Motion for Extension of Time Within Which to File Rebuttal Testimony.

Would you please see that this filing is brought to the attention of the appropriate Commission personnel. If there are any questions, please direct them to the undersigned. I thank you in advance for your attention to and cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,


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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
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In the matter of an Investigation)
into the Provision of Community)
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Missouri.) Case No. TW-97-333

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RESPONSE OF THE
SMALL TELEPHONE COMPANY GROUP
TO COMPTel's MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME WITHIN WHICH
TO FILE REBUTTAL TESTIMONY

Comes now the Small Telephone Company Group ("STCG"), members of which are listed on Attachment "A," and for its response to CompTel's Motion for Extension of Time Within Which to File Rebuttal Testimony, states to the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) as follows:

1. CompTel seeks to extend the deadline for filing rebuttal testimony in the above-captioned matter from May 2 to May 12, 1997, on the grounds that its witness will be involved in a Technical Conference concerning the State Universal Service Fund (Case No. TO-97-367) which is currently scheduled for Wednesday, April 30 through Friday, May 2, 1997. CompTel suggests that since there currently pends before the Commission a motion by Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (SWBT) to allow SWBT to file supplemental rebuttal testimony on May 12, 1997, that CompTel be extended the same privilege.

2. The STCG has previously filed a response and objection to SWBT's proposal to extend the filing of SWBT's rebuttal testimony to May 12, 1997. One of the primary reasons that the STCG objects to the extension is that it will severely prejudice its ability to review this rebuttal testimony and prepare a response and/or cross examination with respect thereto by the commencement of the hearing on May 15, 1997. The STCG asserts the same reasoning is

applicable to CompTel's motion and therefore objects to it as well. Allowing CompTel to file its rebuttal testimony on May 12, 1997 will prejudice the STCG in its ability to adequately review and respond to such rebuttal testimony. Moreover, the STCG notes that its witness, Robert C. Schoonmaker, and possibly other parties' witnesses, will also be actively involved in the Universal Service Fund Technical Conference, but under CompTel's proposal, they would still be required to file their rebuttal testimony on May 2, 1997.

WHEREFORE, in light of the foregoing, the STCG respectfully requests the Commission to deny CompTel's Motion for Extension of Time Within Which to File Rebuttal Testimony and for such other orders as are appropriate in the circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,



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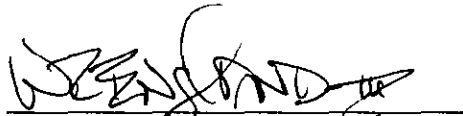
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Cass County Telephone Company
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Craw-Kan Telephone Cooperative, Inc.
Ellington Telephone Company
Fidelity Telephone Company
Goodman Telephone Company, Inc.
Grand River Mutual Telephone Corporation
Green Hills Telephone Corp.
Holway Telephone Company
Kingdom Telephone Company
KLM Telephone Company
Lathrop Telephone Company
McDonald County Telephone Company
Mark Twain Rural Telephone Company
Miller Telephone Company
New Florence Telephone Company
New London Telephone Company
Orchard Farm Telephone Company
Oregon Farmers Mutual Telephone Co.
Stoutland Telephone Company