

STATE OF MISSOURI            )  
  )    SS.  
COUNTY OF JACKSON        )

**BEFORE THE MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P., d/b/a SBC Missouri's    )  
Petition for Compulsory Arbitration of Unresolved Issues    )    Case No. TO-2005-0336  
for a Successor Interconnection Agreement to the            )  
Missouri 271 Agreement ("M2A")                                )

**AFFIDAVIT OF T.J. SAUDER**

COMES NOW T. J. Sauder, of lawful age, sound of mind and being first duly sworn, deposes and states:

1.     My name is T.J. Sauder. I am Director of ILEC Performance for Birch Telecom, Inc. and its operating subsidiaries Birch Telecom of Missouri, Inc. and ionex Communications, Inc.
2.     Attached hereto and made a part hereof for all purposes is my rebuttal testimony in the above-referenced case.
3.     I hereby swear and affirm that my statements contained in the attached testimony are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

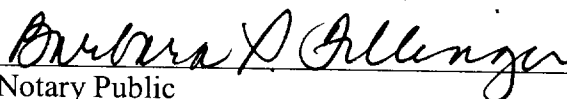


Typed Name: T.J. Sauder

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me, a Notary Public, this 18th day of May, 2005.



BARBARA P. FILLINGER  
Jackson County  
My Commission Expires  
June 6, 2008

  
Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

*June 6, 2008*