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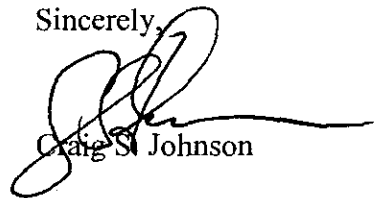
Missouri Public
Service Commission

Re: Case No. TA-99-47

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed please find an original and eight (8) copies of the Missouri Independent Telephone Group's Response to Order to Shorten Response Time in this matter. A copy of this letter and a copy of the enclosed Response have been served upon all counsel of record.

Sincerely,



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Missouri Public
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In the Matter of the Application of)
Southwestern Bell Communications)
Services, Inc., d/b/a Southwestern Bell)
Long Distance, for a Certificate of)
Service Authority to Provide Inter-)
exchange Telecommunications Service)
within the State of Missouri.)

Case No. TA-99-47
(Tariff file 200100928)

**MISSOURI INDEPENDENT TELEPHONE GROUP'S
RESPONSE TO ORDER SHORTEN RESPONSE TIME**

COMES NOW the MITG, in response to the Commission's September 10 Order shortening response time to September 12, and reminds the Commission of the MITG's March 16, 2001 Motion to Intervene and to Suspend the Tariff, and the MITG's April 27, 2001 Additional Motion to Suspend and/or Reject Tariffs, as well as the Suggestions filed by the opposing parties with respect to these motions.

The MITG hereby realleges and incorporates by reference both its original Application to Suspend and/or Reject Tariffs, and its Additional Motion to Suspend and/or Reject Tariffs.

Staff's recommendation fails to address the issues raised by the MITG in its Application to Intervene and Motions to Suspend the tariffs in question.

WHEREFORE, the MITG respectfully requests that the Commission consider MITG's Application to Intervene, to grant it, and to further consider MITG's applications to oppose/suspend the tariff in question, and grant them, or alternatively set them for hearing.

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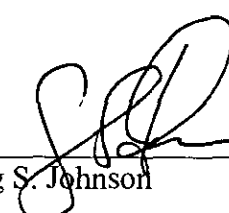
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