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Mr. Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge
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RE: Case No. TA-2000-324

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed for filing in the above-captioned case are an original and fourteen (14) conformed copies of a STAFF'S RESPONSE TO ORDER REQUESTING RESPONSE.

This filing has been mailed or hand-delivered this date to all counsel of record.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

MAR 2 8 2000

In the Matter of the Application of 2nd)	Service Commission
Century Communications, Inc. for a)	
Certificate of Service Authority to Provide)	
Competitive Resold Intrastate)	
Interexchange Telecommunications)	Case No. TA-2000-324
Services and Non-Switched Basic)	
Telecommunications Services Within the)	
State of Missouri.)	

STAFF'S RESPONSE TO ORDER REQUESTING RESPONSE

COMES NOW the Staff ("Staff") of the Missouri Public Service Commission

("Commission") and for its Response to Order Requesting Response states to the Commission as follows:

2nd Century's application in the above case was intended to result in the granting of a certificate of authority to offer interexchange telecommunications services and local exchange telecommunications (nonswitched, e.g. dedicated private line) services. 2nd Century later submitted a tariff that was incorporated into the certification process.

The Staff Recommendation consists of two pages of which the first page deals primarily with the application for certification and the second with the tariff. In this case, 2nd Century specifically applied for authority to offer interexchange services and local nonswitched (dedicated private line) services, hence, both boxes on the first page were checked. 2nd Century

did not choose to tariff the assumed soon-to-be-certificated authority by including required private line text and individual case base pricing language, therefore, Staff left unchecked the appropriate private line items on the second page of the Staff Recommendation. Staff has not made contradictory recommendations: 2nd Century wishes to have authority to offer nonswitched local services but does not wish to currently implement that authority.

WHEREFORE, Staff prays that the Commission accept its Response to Order Requesting Response. Staff further prays that the Commission make whatever other orders and judgments appear to it to be just and proper in this cause.

Respectfully submitted,

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Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed or hand-delivered to all counsel of record as shown on the attached service list this 28th day of March 2000.

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