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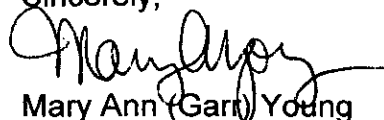
RE: Case No. TC-2003-0251  
The Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, Complainant, v.  
M.L.M. Telecommunications, Inc., Respondent

Dear Secretary:

Enclosed please find an original and five copies of the RESPONSE TO STAFF  
REPLY TO SOUTHWESTERN BELL TELEPHONE L.P. for filing with the Commission on  
behalf of M.L.M. Telecommunications, Inc., d/b/a Ameritel, Your Phone Company, in the  
above-referenced case.

Thank you for assistance in the processing this filing. Copies are being served on  
the Commission's General Counsel and Office of the Public Counsel. Please contact me  
at 634-8109 if there are any questions.

Sincerely,

  
Mary Ann (Garr) Young

Enclosure

cc: General Counsel  
Office of the Public Counsel  
John Brandt, Jr., M.L.M./Ameritel

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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The Staff of the Missouri Public )  
Service Commission, )  
Complainant, )  
v. )  
M.L.M. Telecommunications, Inc., )  
Respondent. )

Case No. TC-2003-0251

RESPONSE TO STAFF REPLY TO SOUTHWESTERN BELL TELEPHONE L.P.

COMES NOW M.L.M. Telecommunications, Inc., d/b/a Ameritel, Your Phone Company (M.L.M. or M.L.M./Ameritel), by and through counsel, and for its Response to the Staff Reply to Southwestern Bell Telephone L.P. d/b/a SBC Missouri's Response to Order Directing Filing, states as follows:

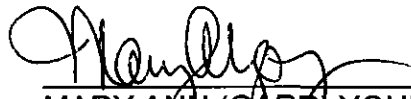
1. M.L.M. Telecommunications, Inc., (M.L.M.) is the Respondent in this matter. As the Commission's records will reflect, M.L.M. has filed a Registration of Fictitious Name with the Missouri Secretary of State's Office and has also submitted a request for approval of name change with the Commission to use the fictitious name Ameritel, Your Phone Company, on January 31, 2003. M.L.M./Ameritel also filed its initial basic local service tariff on January 31, 2003. The name change and initial tariff have been docketed in Case No. CN-2003-0266.

2. The Staff recommended to the Commission in its February 11, 2003, Reply to SBC Missouri's Response that the Commission order SBC Missouri to cease processing all service orders submitted by or on behalf of M.L.M. Prior to the filing of that recommendation, M.L.M. has filed the appropriate documents to cure the problems of not filing a tariff and not properly submitting its DBA as Ameritel, Your Phone Company to the Commission. Even though M.L.M. erroneously began doing business in Missouri prior to filing its tariff and indicating its DBA of Ameritel, Your Phone Company, it has provided

services within the terms of the tariff and DBA that have now been filed and are currently pending Staff and Commission review. M.L.M. has also filed a Motion to Expedite consideration of the request for approval of name change and tariff in the interest of curing the deficiencies which were the subject of Staff's Complaint as soon as practicable. To suspend M.L.M.'s ability to process orders now that it has filed the appropriate paperwork would deprive Missouri customers of their ability to have another choice of basic local telecommunications providers. M.L.M. is taking all steps to resolve and satisfy Staff's complaint as quickly as possible, and requests the Commission forbear from ordering interruption of the processing of service orders for customers who wish to select M.L.M. as their basic local service provider.

WHEREFORE, M.L.M. respectfully requests the Commission not to order SBC Missouri to suspend processing service orders from M.L.M.

Respectfully submitted,

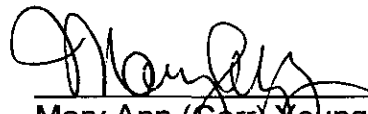


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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of this document has been hand delivered or mailed by first class mail, postage prepaid to the Office of the Public Counsel and the General Counsel on this 19th day of February 2003.

  
Mary Ann (Garr) Young