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Mr. Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge
Missouri Public Service Commission
P. O. Box 360
Jefferson City, MO 65102

**Re: Exop of Missouri, Inc.,
Case No. TA-2001-251**

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Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced case, please find the original and 8 copies of the **Request for Hearing**. I have on this date mailed, faxed, and/or hand-delivered the appropriate number of copies to all counsel of record. Please "file" stamp the extra-enclosed copy and return it to this office.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,

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cc: Counsel of Record

Enclosure

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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In the matter of the Application of Exop of)
Missouri, Inc. for designation as a)
telecommunications company carrier)
eligible for Federal Universal Service)
support pursuant to Section 254 of the)
Telecommunications Act of 1996.)

Case No. TA-2001-251

REQUEST FOR HEARING


COMES NOW the Office of the Public Counsel respectfully requests an evidentiary hearing in this case. Public Counsel suggests that proceedings for this designation of an eligible carrier for purposes of receiving Federal and state universal service funding should be made based on an evidentiary record or (at the least) on a stipulated set of relevant facts and a stipulation of all parties that the carrier has adduced facts sufficient to demonstrate that it complies with the eligibility requirements in the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996.

For these reasons, Public Counsel requests an evidentiary hearing.

Respectfully submitted,

Office of the Public Counsel

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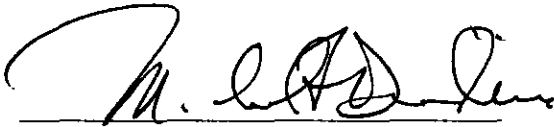
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was mailed, faxed or hand-delivered, this 13th day of November, 2000 to the following:

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