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**RE: Case No. TW-97-333 - In the Matter of an Investigation into the Provision of
Community Optional Service in Missouri**

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed for filing in the above-captioned case are an original and fourteen (14) conformed
copies of a **MOTION TO LATE FILE PROPOSED COMMUNITY OPTIONAL SERVICE NOTICES**.

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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Enclosure

cc: Counsel of Record

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MOTION TO LATE FILE
PROPOSED COMMUNITY OPTIONAL SERVICE NOTICES

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Staff") and for its request respectfully states as follows:

1. In its *Order Regarding Customer Notice*, the Commission ordered the parties to this docket to file a proposed Community Optional Service ("COS") Notice no later than April 17, 1998.
2. The participants met in a conference and, as a result of those negotiations, the parties have agreed to propose the attached Customer Notices for Commission approval. The first Notice will be sent to COS customers in petitioning exchanges and the second Notice will be sent to all customers in target exchanges.
3. The Office of Public Counsel ("OPC") was not involved in the meeting at which the other parties agreed to the substance of the proposed COS Notices because its Counsel had a prehearing conference coincident with that meeting. OPC proposed significant changes to the Notices, which would have required another negotiation session, but it did not want to delay the other parties' filing. OPC will propose a Notice other than that attached to this document.
4. The press of other telecommunications filings has delayed this filing. The Staff prays that the delay in filing these Notices has not burdened the Commission.

WHEREFORE, the parties to this docket respectfully request that the Commission adopt the proposed COS Notices.

Respectfully submitted,



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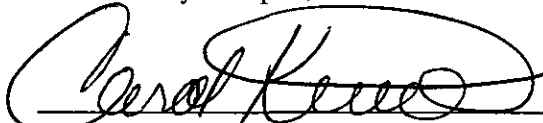
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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 22nd day of April, 1998.


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Discontinuation of Community Optional Service (COS)

In order to further foster the development of competition in the local and long distance telephone markets, the Missouri Public Service Commission has determined a barrier to such competition, mandatory two-way Community Optional Service (COS) must be discontinued.

As competition in the local and long distance telephone markets continues to grow, the Missouri Public Service Commission determined that it is inappropriate to mandate a telecommunications company to provide a specific telephone service implicitly subsidized by some ratepayers as was COS. The Missouri Public Service Commission has strongly encouraged and believes that telephone companies will introduce new toll and expanded local calling services for all customers in Missouri without a mandate.

On March 7, 1997, the Missouri Public Service Commission established a case to examine COS in light of local competition and the initiation of 1+ intraLATA long-distance pre-subscription. After extensive investigation and evidentiary hearings, the Missouri Commission decided to eliminate COS in order to foster the development of local and intraLATA long distance telephone competition.

If you are using COS to access your Internet service provider, you will incur long-distance charges for the access after (date). Although the Commission determined that COS (a voice grade service) was never intended as a means to access the Internet (a data grade service), it has opened a separate case to examine customer access to the Internet. Case No. TW-98-155 will specifically explore possible solutions for Internet access across Missouri.

As you near the (date), you need to:

-Be sure to notify everyone who uses your phone service that after (date) calls to (target community) will be charged the applicable long-distance rates.

-Inform those who usually call you from (target community) that calls to you after (date) will be charged the applicable long-distance rates to the caller.

-Check with your local phone company or long-distance carrier for alternative programs that may best meet your calling patterns.

Questions on COS? Contact your local telephone company regarding alternatives to your specific COS service, the Missouri Public Service Commission at 1-800-392-4211, or the Office of the Public Counsel at (573) 751-4857.

Toll-Free Calling Changes

In order to further foster the development of competition in the local and long distance telephone market, the Missouri Public Service Commission has determined a barrier to such competition, mandatory two-way Community Optional Service (COS) must be discontinued.

As competition in the local and long distance telephone markets continues to grow, the Missouri Public Service Commission can not mandate a telecommunications company to provide a specific telephone service subsidized by some ratepayers, as was the case with COS. The Missouri Public Service Commission has strongly encouraged and believes that telephone companies will introduce new expanded local and toll calling services for all customers in Missouri without a mandate.

After (date) calls to (name of the petitioning exchanges) will be charged the applicable long distance rates. If you make frequent calls to (name of petitioning exchanges), you should check with your telephone company or long-distance company for alternative programs that may apply to your calling patterns.

Questions on COS? Contact your local telephone company regarding your specific COS service, the Missouri Public Service Commission at 1-800-392-4211, or the Office of the Public Counsel at (573) 751-4857.