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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the matter of the access tariff filing of Ozark
Telephone Company.

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Case No. TT-2001-117

**SOUTHWESTERN BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY'S
APPLICATION TO INTERVENE OUT OF TIME**

COMES NOW Southwestern Bell Telephone Company pursuant to Section 386.420 RSMo (1994 Revised) and 4 CSR 240-2.075, and respectfully seeks to intervene out of time in this proceeding. In support of its Application to Intervene, Southwestern Bell states as follows:

1. SWBT is a Missouri corporation duly authorized to conduct business in Missouri with its principal office at One Bell Center, St. Louis, Missouri 63101. SWBT is a "local exchange telecommunications company" and a "public utility," and is duly authorized to provide "telecommunications service" within the State of Missouri as each of those phrases are defined in Section 386.020 RSMo (1994 Revised).

2. All correspondence, pleadings, orders, decisions and communications regarding this proceeding should be sent to:

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3. On August 23, 2000, Ozark Telephone Company (the "Company") filed proposed revisions to its Access Service Tariff to eliminate the "interim subject to refund" language which currently applies to the interim revenue surcharge in its intrastate access tariff. The Commission rejected this tariff on August 31, but on reconsideration vacated that order on September 21 and set an October 5 intervention deadline. Southwestern Bell's counsel was unaware that the Commission had vacated its previous order and set the October 5 intervention date. But given the very early point in this proceeding and that Southwestern Bell has missed this date by only

one business day, permitting it to intervene here should not materially prejudice any other party to this case. Southwestern Bell provided a copy of this Application to the other parties by fax on October 6, 2000, which is earlier than they would have received their normal service copy had the Application been filed on October 5, 2000. Southwestern Bell is willing to conform to the procedural dates set by the Commission.

4. Southwestern Bell seeks to intervene in this proceeding because its interests differ from those of the general public. Southwestern Bell is one of the Company's largest access customers and will be subject to the charges it proposes to make permanent. No other party to this proceeding will adequately protect Southwestern Bell's interest.

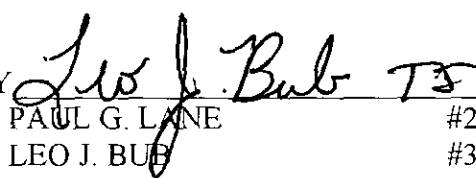
6. Granting of this intervention will be in the public interest because Southwestern Bell will bring to this proceeding its expertise in the areas being investigated and its experience as a telecommunications provider.

WHEREFORE, Southwestern Bell respectfully requests the Commission to grant this Application to Intervene Out of Time.

Respectfully submitted,

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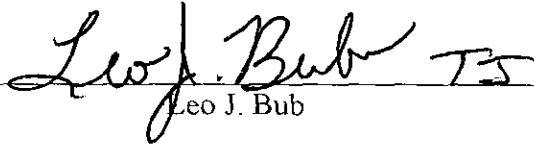
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