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RE: Case No. TT-2001-117

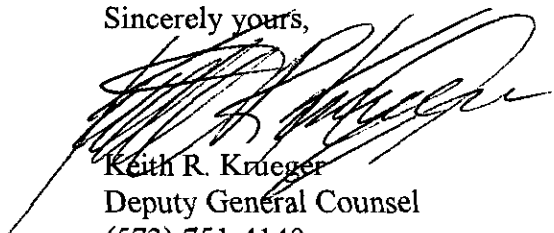
Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed for filing in the above-captioned case are an original and eight (8) conformed copies of **STAFF'S RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING TEST YEAR AND TRUE-UP.**

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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In the Matter of the Access Tariff Filing of)
Ozark Telephone Company)

Case No. TT-2001-117

STAFF'S RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING TEST YEAR AND TRUE-UP

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Staff") and, for its Recommendations Concerning Test Year and True-Up, states to the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") as follows:

1. On September 21, 2000, the Commission issued an order which, *inter alia*, directed Ozark Telephone Company ("Company") to file, no later than October 27, 2000, a pleading setting out its recommendation concerning a true-up audit and hearing, and which directed the other parties to file, on the same date their direct testimony is filed, a pleading that either concurs in the Company's recommendations concerning test year and true-up or suggests alternatives to the Company's recommendations.

2. On October 27, 2000, the Company filed its Recommendation Concerning True-Up Audit and Hearing. The Company stated that it appeared that the parties had agreed that the appropriate test period should be the twelve-month period ended June 30, 2000. The Company recommended that rate case expense (through completion of the case) should be considered as a known and measurable change. The Company stated that it believes that this issue can be resolved at the evidentiary hearing without a separate true-up hearing.

3. The Staff concurs in a test year of the twelve months ended June 30, 2000, updated for any material known and measurable changes. The Staff plans to include reasonable rate case

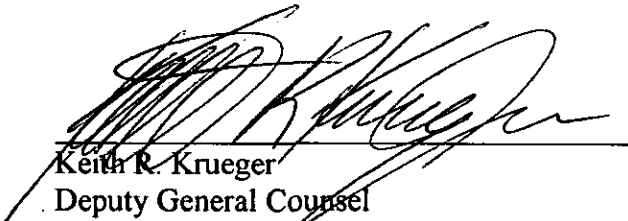
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expense incurred through the time of the prehearing conference. The Staff has not identified any items that would warrant a true-up audit and hearing.

WHEREFORE, the Staff requests that the Commission adopt as a test year the twelve month period ended June 30, 2000, updated for any known and measurable items.

Respectfully submitted,

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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 30th day of November 2000.



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