

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of Level 3)	
Communications, LLC, and Southwestern Bell)	
Telephone Company, L.P. d/b/a SBC Missouri)	<u>Case No. TK-2005-0285</u>
for Approval of their Negotiated Interconnection)	
Agreement and Superseding Amendment under)	
Section 252(e)(1) of the Telecommunications Act)	

ORDER ESTABLISHING TIME FOR RESPONSE

On February 23, 2005, Level 3 Communications, LLC and Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Missouri submitted a negotiated interconnection agreement for the Commission’s approval. The Commission’s Staff filed a recommendation regarding that interconnection agreement on April 11, indicating Staff’s concern about the failure of that agreement to include terms regarding transit trafficking. Level 3 and SBC Missouri filed responses to Staff’s recommendations on April 22.

4 CSR 240-2.080(15) allows parties not more than 10 days in which to respond to any pleading, unless otherwise ordered by the Commission. Ten days from April 22 would be May 2. However, under applicable law, the Commission must approve or reject the submitted interconnection agreement by May 24. As a result, prompt action is required. Therefore, if Staff wishes to respond to the pleadings filed by Level 3 and SBC, it shall do so no later than April 29.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That if the Staff of the Commission wishes to respond to the pleadings filed on April 22, 2005, by Level 3 Communications, LLC and Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, LP d/b/a SBC Missouri, it shall do so no later than April 29, 2005.

2. That this order shall become effective on April 25, 2005.

BY THE COMMISSION

Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

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Morris L. Woodruff, Senior Regulatory Law
Judge, by delegation of authority
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 25th day of April, 2005.