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Missouri Public
Service Commission

Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge
Missouri Public Service Commission
200 Madison Street
Jefferson City, MO 65101

**Re: Northeast Missouri Rural Telephone Company and Modern
Telecommunications Company v. Southwestern Bell
Telephone Company et al
Case No. TC-2002-57**

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed for filing please find an original and nine copies of PETITION FOR LEAVE TO APPEAR in the above referenced case. Please return a file-stamped copy to me in the enclosed, self-addressed and stamped envelope.

Copies have been provided to all parties of record.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bret A. Dublinske", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Bret A. Dublinske

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Enclosures

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

Northeast Missouri Rural Telephone)
Company and Modern Telecommunications)
Company, et. al.,)
 Petitioners)

Case No. TC-2002-57

v.)

Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, et. al.,)
 Respondents.)

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**Missouri Public
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**PETITION FOR LEAVE TO APPEAR AND PARTICIPATE
ON BEHALF OF U.S. CELLULAR (f/k/a United States Cellular Corporation)**

COMES NOW Petitioners, Bret A. Dublinske and Krista K. Tanner, attorneys with Dickinson, Mackaman, Tyler & Hagen, 1600 Hub Tower, 699 Walnut Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50309, Attorneys for U.S. Cellular, pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.040 and state as follows:


1. Petitioners are attorneys representing U.S. Cellular and are members in good standing of the bar of the State of Iowa and are not disqualified to appear in any Iowa Court.
2. No attorney employed by or representing U.S. Cellular is disqualified to appear in any Iowa Court.
3. Petitioners designate Mr. Paul H. Gardner of Goller, Gardner & Feather, 131 E. High Street, Jefferson City, Missouri, a member in good standing of the Missouri Bar, as associate counsel in the above referenced case.
4. Mr. Gardner has entered his appearance as attorney of record in the above referenced case.
5. Petitioners request that the commission grant them leave to be permitted to appear and participate in the above referenced case.

WHEREFORE, Petitioners submit that they have met the practice requirements set forth in 4 CSR 240.2.040 and respectfully request that the Missouri Public Service Commission grant them leave to appear on behalf of U.S. Cellular in the above referenced case.

Respectfully submitted,



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that a true and correct copy of the foregoing PETITION FOR LEAVE TO APPEAR has been hand-delivered, mailed, First Class mail, postage prepaid; or e-mailed this 24th day of October, 2003 to:

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