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The Honorable Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge
Missouri Public Service Commission
301 West High Street, Floor 5A
Jefferson City, Missouri 65101

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Re: Case No. OO-99-44

Dear Judge Roberts:

Enclosed for filing with the Commission in the above-referenced case is an original and 14 copies of Southwestern Bell Telephone Company's Application To Intervene.

Please stamp "Filed" on the extra copy and return the copy to me in the enclosed self-addressed, stamped envelope.

Thank you for bringing this matter to the attention of the Commission.

Very truly yours,


Leo J. Bub

Enclosure

cc: Attorneys of Record

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

In the Matter of the Assessment Against the)
Public Utilities in the State of Missouri for the)
Expenses of the Commission for the Fiscal Year)
Commencing July 1, 1998.)

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**SOUTHWESTERN BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY'S
APPLICATION TO INTERVENE**

Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, pursuant to the Missouri Public Service Commission's August 5, 1998 Order Regarding Application for a Rehearing and Stay, respectfully seeks to intervene in this proceeding and states:

1. Southwestern Bell is a Missouri corporation duly authorized to conduct business in Missouri with its principal Missouri office at One Bell Center, St. Louis, Missouri 63101.

Southwestern Bell is a "local exchange telecommunications company" and a "public utility," and is duly authorized to provide "telecommunications service" within the State of Missouri as defined in §386.020 RSMo (1997 Supp).

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

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3. The Commission established this docket in response to an Application for Rehearing and Stay of the Commission's June 29, 1998 Supplemental Order No. 52 in Case No. 11,110 filed by West Elm Place Corporation, The Empire District Electric Company, St. Joseph Light & Power Company, Arkansas Western Gas Company, Laclede Gas Company, Missouri-

American Water Company and UtiliCorp United, Inc. (Applicants). The Commission also provided an opportunity for other parties to intervene in this proceeding and gave them until August 31, 1998 to do so.

4. In Order No. 52, the Commission set out its assessments for the Commission's 1999 fiscal year. Applicants sought rehearing because monies paid into the Public Service Commission Fund by regulated utilities have been transferred, in part, out of the Fund and into the General Revenues of the State of Missouri to facilitate tax refunds to the general public which have been mandated by Mo. Const. Art. X, Sections 16-24 (the Hancock Amendment).

5. Given Southwestern Bell unique status as the largest local exchange telecommunications company within the State of Missouri and one of the larger contributors to the Public Service Commission Fund, Southwestern Bell's interests cannot be represented by any other party to this docket.

WHEREFORE, Southwestern Bell requests the Commission permit it to intervene as a party and participate in this proceeding.

Respectfully submitted,

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