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Mr. Cecil Wright  
Public Service Commission  
P.O. Box 360  
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Re: Case No. TW-97-333, Application to Participate

Dear Mr. Wright:

Enclosed please find an original and 14 copies of the Mid Missouri Group's Application to Participate in the matter of an Investigation into the Provision of Community Optional Calling Service in Missouri.

A copy of this letter and enclosure have been sent to all attorneys of record.

Thank you.

  
Craig S. Johnson

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Enclosure  
cc: Mid MO Managers

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of an Investigation into )  
The Provision of Community Optional ) Case No. TW-97-333  
Calling Service in Missouri. )

THE MID-MISSOURI GROUP OF LOCAL EXCHANGE TELEPHONE COMPANIES  
APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE

COMES NOW The Mid-Missouri Group of Local Exchange Telephone Companies, (Alma Telephone Company, Chariton Valley Telephone Corporation, Choctaw Telephone Company, Mid-Missouri Telephone Company, MoKan Dial Inc., Modern Telecommunications Company, Northeast Missouri Rural Telephone Company, and Peace Valley Telephone Company, hereinafter the "Mid-Missouri Group") and in support of their Application to Participate in the above caption matter state that:

1. Applicants currently provide telecommunication services to members of the public located in those areas certificated to them by the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission"). Applicants also are rural telephone companies and incumbent local exchange carriers as defined by the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (the "Act").

2. Applicants have participated in many dockets establishing and modifying COS, in dockets considering the necessity of modification of COS in light of presubscription, and have done so in order to protect the interests of themselves, and their customers, and wish to continue to do so.

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3. All correspondence, communications, orders and decisions in this matter should be addressed to the following:

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WHEREFORE, the Mid-Missouri Group respectfully request that the Commission issue an Order authorizing them to participate in the above captioned proceeding.

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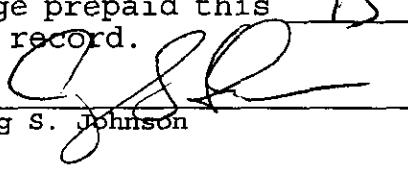
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that a true copy of the foregoing was mailed first class, postage prepaid this 13 day of March, 1997, to all known attorneys of record.

  
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Craig S. Johnson