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RE: Case No. TR-2001-65

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed for filing in the above-captioned case are an original and eight (8) conformed copies of the STATUS REPORT FOR APRIL 2002 AND MOTION TO SUSPEND FUTURE STATUS REPORT FILINGS AND THE NONDISCLOSURE AGREEMENT OF LAURA GROVES.

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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APPENDIX "A"

STATE OF MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

NONDISCLOSURE AGREEMENT

I, LAURA Aroves , have been presented a copy of this Protective Order issued in Case No. TR-2001-65 on the 2644 day of <u>March</u>, 2002.

I have requested review of the confidential information produced in Case No. <u>TR-2001-65</u> on behalf of <u>the Staff of the Missouri</u>

Public Service Commission.

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I hereby certify that I have read the above-mentioned Protective Order and agree to abide by its terms and conditions.

Dated this <u>Noth</u> day of <u>March</u>, 2002.

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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In the Matter of an Investigation of the Actual Costs Incurred in Providing Exchange Access Service and the Access Rates to be Charged by Competitive Local Exchange Telecommunications Companies in the State of Missouri.

Case No. TR-2001-65

STATUS REPORT FOR APRIL 2002 AND MOTION TO SUSPEND FUTURE STATUS REPORT FILINGS

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission and for its Status

Report states as follows:

1. On February 26, 2001, the Commission issued its Order Directing Filing and

ordered the Staff as follows:

[T]he Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission shall, on or before the 15th day of each calendar month hereafter, file a pleading herein setting out the status of this matter, including a summary of the steps already taken to gather, compile and analyze the necessary information and to present its results to the Commission, and a summary of the progress expected during the 30 days immediately following.

The Staff continues to gather data from local exchange carriers through discovery 2. requests. Many companies have not responded to the Staff's data requests, and therefore, the Staff's study is not complete. The Staff will continue its efforts to receive this data by contacting those companies that have not responded to the Staff's discovery requests. On April 1, 2002, the Staff provided a draft cost study to the parties with legal representation in the case. Pursuant to the procedural schedule ordered by the Commission, feedback to the Staff on the draft cost study is due on May 1, 2002.

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3. Since the case is now subject to a procedural schedule that includes a final cost study due date, testimony filings, and a hearing, the Staff requests that the Commission suspend the requirement for monthly case status reports.

WHEREFORE, the Staff respectfully submits this status report and moves to suspend the filing of future status reports.

Respectfully submitted,

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Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed or hand-delivered to all parties of record this 15th day of April 2002.

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