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Mr. Dale Hardy Roberts
Missouri Public Service Commission
P.O. Box 360
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Re: Case No. TF-2000-428

**Missouri Public
Service Commission**

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed for filing on behalf of Le-Ru Telephone Company, please find an original and eight (8) copies of a Response of Le-Ru Telephone Company to Order Directing Filing of Surveillance Report.

Would you please see that this filing is brought to the attention of the appropriate Commission personnel.

I thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

BRYDON, SWEARENGEN & ENGLAND P.C.

By:



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Enclosure

cc: Office of Public Counsel
Denny Frey
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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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In the matter of the Application)
of LE-RU TELEPHONE COMPANY)
for authority to borrow an amount)
not to exceed \$9,164,700 from the)
Rural Utilities Service, the Rural)
Telephone Bank and the Federal)
Financing Bank and in connection)
therewith to execute an Amending)
Telephone Loan Contract Amendment,)
Promissory Notes, and a Restated)
Mortgage, Security Agreement and)
Financing Statement.)

Case No. TF-2000-428

RESPONSE OF LE-RU TELEPHONE COMPANY TO
ORDER DIRECTING FILING OF SURVEILLANCE REPORT

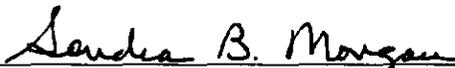
Comes now Le-Ru Telephone Company ("Le-Ru") and for its Response to the Order Directing Filing of Surveillance Report states to the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") as follows:

1. On March 22, 2004, the Commission issued its Order Directing Filing of Surveillance Report directing that Le-Ru file its third semi-annual Surveillance Report with the Commission.

2. On February 4, 2004, Le-Ru sent its semi-annual Surveillance Report to counsel for the Staff. The Report was not formally filed with the Commission. Attached to this pleading is a copy of the Surveillance Report for the period ending December 31, 2003, as required by the Commission in Case No. TF-2000-248. The Report is marked "proprietary," and Le-Ru requests that it be treated in accordance with the protective order previously entered in this case.

Wherefore Le-Ru respectfully requests that the Commission accept this Response to its Order Directing Filing of Surveillance Report as full compliance with the Commission's Order.

Respectfully submitted,



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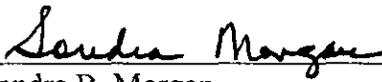
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned certifies that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document was delivered, via U.S. Mail, and/or hand-delivered this 23 day of March, 2004, to:

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