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The Honorable Dale Hardy Roberts
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Missouri Public Service Commission
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Missouri Public
Service Commission

Re: Case No. TT-2004-0542

Dear Judge Roberts:

Please find enclosed for filing in the referenced matter the original and five copies of AT&T Communications of the Southwest, Inc.'s Proposed Procedural Schedule.

Would you please bring this filing to the attention of the appropriate Commission personnel.

Please contact me if you have any questions regarding this filing. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

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

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**Missouri Public
Service Commission**

In the Matter of the Southwestern Bell Telephone,
L.P. d/b/a SBC Missouri's Proposed Revision
to its PSC MO. NO. 36 Access Services

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) Case No. TT-2004-0542
) Tariff No. JI-2004-1159

**AT&T COMMUNICATIONS OF THE SOUTHWEST, INC.'S
PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

Comes now AT&T Communications of the Southwest, Inc., (hereinafter "AT&T") by
and through its attorneys, and submits the following to the Commission:

1. The parties in this matter met for a scheduling conference on June 8, 2004 and
despite several conferences thereafter by telephone were unable to agree on a procedural
schedule to jointly propose to the Commission. As a consequence, the Commission will receive
separate proposed procedural schedules from the several parties.

2. AT&T proposes the following procedural schedule:

Southwestern Bell Telephone L.P.
files written Direct Testimony

July 15, 2004

Intervener, Staff and Office of Public Counsel
file written Rebuttal Testimony

August 16, 2004

All Parties file written Surrebuttal Testimony

September 3, 2004

List of issues, and order of witnesses

September 17, 2004

Position statements

September 27, 2004

Hearing

October 12-13, 2004

3. This proposal takes into account conflicts of counsel, and the conflicts of AT&T's
principal witness, who is scheduled to participate in a case of identical issues which is now
pending before the Oklahoma Corporation Commission. The hearing in Oklahoma is scheduled

at this time for September 14, 2004. AT&T's witness will be sponsoring testimony, and will be called for testimony in that hearing.

4. During the conferences of the parties regarding the proposed schedule, attorneys for Southwestern Bell (SBC) advised that it was anxious to proceed to hearing as early as July. AT&T questions why SBC would propose a break neck pace for the procedural schedule since the Oklahoma case regarding similar tariffs is not expected to come to hearing until September. Furthermore, SBC has not yet filed such tariffs for approval in Texas or Kansas. However, if the Commission is inclined to adopt a procedural schedule with earlier deadlines and hearing, AT&T would propose as an alternative, without withdrawing its earlier proposed schedule, the following:

SBC Written Direct	June 18, 2004
Staff, OPC and Interveners Written Rebuttal	July 16, 2004
All parties Written Surrebuttal	July 30, 2004
List of Issues, Order of Witnesses	August 9, 2004
Position Statements	August 16, 2004
Hearing	August 25-26, 2004

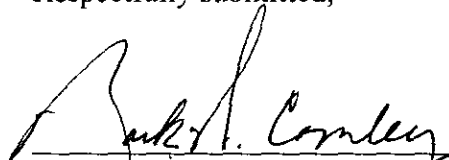
5. Attorneys for Southwestern Bell have indicated that the proposed procedural schedule it will file will not utilize written pre-filed direct testimony but rather will ask the Commission to waive applicable Commission rules in favor of direct testimony elicited orally from the witness at hearing. Although AT&T believes that there are occasions before this Commission when oral testimony alone is an efficient means of presenting contested matters, it asserts that this case is definitely not one of them. AT&T anticipates that SWB will call two technical witnesses in support of its tariffs. In order to understand what each witness may claim

at hearing, AT&T anticipates that it will engage in extensive discovery measures including but not necessarily limited to written interrogatories and depositions. AT&T will not know the nature of the issues AT&T expects to support with testimony at hearing until that discovery is answered. Written testimony, which has been a staple in this Commission for many years, has eliminated the cost and expense of depositions and other discovery devices. Written testimony has conveniently framed issues that may require follow up discovery. Additionally, written testimony, which generally sets out a party's direct case, shortens at least by half that party's presentation at hearing. Oral testimony throughout a Commission case, both direct and cross examination, will invariably increase the length of a hearing concerning technical issues.

6. Intervener, MCI WorldCom Communications, Inc., supports and agrees to AT&T's preferred procedural schedule set out in paragraph 2 above, or the alternative outlined in paragraph 4, including the use of written testimony.

WHEREFORE, AT&T respectfully requests the Commission to approve its proposed procedural schedule as explained in the foregoing.

Respectfully submitted,

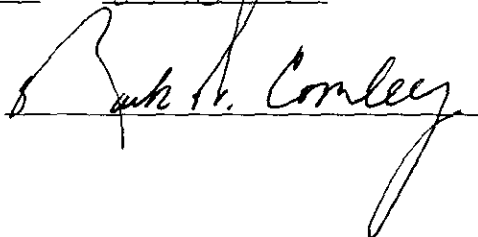


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I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing document was sent via e-mail on this 15th day of June, 2004, to General Counsel's Office at gencounsel@psc.state.mo.us; Office of Public Counsel at opcservice@ded.state.mo.us; lcurtis@lawfirmemail.com, paul.lane@sbc.com and rg1572@sbc.com.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul H. Comley", is written over a horizontal line.