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VIA HAND-DELIVERY

Mr. Dale Roberts
Executive Secretary
Missouri Public Service Commission
200 Madison Street, Suite 100
Jefferson City, Missouri 65101

RE: Case No. TC-2002-1077

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**Missouri Public
Service Commission**

Dear Judge Roberts:

Enclosed you will find the original and ten copies of the Answer of VoiceStream Wireless Corporation and Western Wireless Corporation in the above-referenced case. Please return two "filed" copies of Answer to me. By copy of this letter, I have sent same to all parties of record.

Very truly yours,

Mark P. Johnson
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Enclosures
cc : All Parties of Record (w/enclosure)

5. Respondents are without information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 20 of the Complaint, and therefore deny same.
6. Respondents admit the allegations in paragraph 21 of the Complaint.
7. Respondents are without information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in paragraphs 22 through 24 of the Complaint, and therefore deny same.
8. Respondents admit the allegations in paragraphs 25 through 27 of the Complaint.
9. Respondents admit the allegations in paragraph 28 of the Complaint that they have not entered into agreements with Complainants to compensate them for the termination of intraMTA or interMTA traffic, are without information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations that they have terminated wireless-originated traffic to Complainants' exchanges through Southwestern Bell Telephone Company ("SWBT") transit services or facilities, and deny all other allegations in paragraph 28.
10. VoiceStream admits the allegations in paragraph 29 of the Complaint that it has received certain invoices from certain Complainants containing charges for traffic allegedly delivered to those Complainants' exchanges, is without information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations concerning the SWBT Cellular Transiting Usage Summary Reports, and denies all other allegations in paragraph 29.
11. Western Wireless admits the allegations in paragraph 30 of the Complaint that it has received certain invoices from certain Complainants containing charges for traffic allegedly delivered to those Complainants' exchanges, is without information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations concerning the SWBT Cellular Transiting Usage Summary Reports, and denies all other allegations in paragraph 30.

12. Respondents admit the allegations in paragraph 31 of the Complaint that counsel for Complainants has contacted counsel for Respondents concerning amounts allegedly owed to Complainants and that the matter has not been resolved to date, but deny all other allegations in paragraph 31.

Affirmative Defenses

13. Further answering, Respondents state affirmatively that the Complaint fails to state a claim upon which relief can be granted.

14. Further answering, Respondents state that Complainants' claims are barred by laches, waiver, and estoppel.

15. Further answering, Respondents state affirmatively that Complainants' claims are preempted and/or barred by state and federal law.

16. Further answering, Respondents state affirmatively that Complainants' claims are barred by applicable statutes of limitations.

17. Further answering, Respondents state affirmatively that Complainants' claims are barred by the Statute of Frauds.

18. Further answering, Respondents state affirmatively that Complainants' claims are barred by accord and satisfaction.

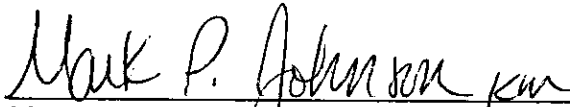
19. Further answering, Respondents state affirmatively that the relief sought by Complainants is barred by the doctrine of unclean hands.

20. Further answering, Respondents state affirmatively that the relief sought by Complainants is barred by the Commission's absence of power to award damages.

Wherefore, Respondents respectfully request that the Commission find in their favor on all allegations raised in the Complaint, deny all relief sought by Complainants in the Complaint, and enter its order granting all appropriate relief to Respondents.

Respectfully submitted,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark P. Johnson", is written over a horizontal line.

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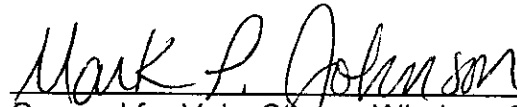
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served by first-class United States mail, postage prepaid, on all parties of record on this 16th day of July, 2002:



Counsel for VoiceStream Wireless Corporation
and Western Wireless Corporation