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Missouri Public Service Commission

RE: TC-2002-57, et al.

Dear Judge Roberts:

Enclosed please find an original and eight (8) copies of Verizon Wireless' Motion to be Excused from Pre-Hearing Conference. Please file this Motion in your usual manner and bring it to the attention of the Commission at your first opportunity, as this concerns a pre-hearing conference to be held on October 3, 2003.

If you have any questions with respect to this filing, please contact me. Thank you for your attention to and assistance with this matter.

Very truly yours,

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cc: Charon Harris Phillips, Esq. (w/enclosure)

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

Northeast Missouri Rural Telephone Company and Modern Telecommunications Company, Petitioners,)))
VS.) Case No. TC-2002-57
Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, Southwestern Bell Wireless (Cingular), Voicestream Wireless (Western Wireless) Aerial Communications, Inc., CMT Partners	FILED
(Verizon Wireless), Sprint Spectrum LP, United States Cellular, Ameritech Mobile	SEP 2 5 2003
Communications, Inc., Respondents) Missouri Public Service Commission

MOTION TO BE EXCUSED FROM PRE-HEARING CONFERENCE

COMES NOW Ameritech Mobile Communications, Inc., CMT Partners, Ameritech Cellular and Verizon Wireless d/b/a Verizon Wireless (collectively, the "Verizon Wireless Entities"), and for its motion to be excused from participating in the forthcoming pre-hearing conference scheduled for October 3, 2003, hereby states as follows:

- 1. By its Order dated September 19, 2003, the Commission has ordered a prehearing conference to be held in this proceeding on Friday, October 3, 2003 beginning at 10:00 a.m. The purpose of this pre-hearing conference is to "hear from the parties whether [a traffic] study is in fact necessary or whether expert testimony or some other evidence can suffice instead." (Order at p. 2).
- 2. As indicated in the Third Status Report filed by Staff in this proceeding on September 19, 2003, the Verizon Wireless Entities have entered into Settlement Agreements and Mutual Releases with all of the Complainants in this consolidated complaint case which had filed a complaint against the Verizon Wireless Entities. Upon satisfaction by the Verizon Wireless

Entities of its obligations under said Agreements, counsel for the Complainants shall file Motions to Dismiss With Prejudice the complaints of Mid-Missouri Telephone Company, Chariton Valley Telephone Corporation and Mo-Kan Dial, Inc. These Motions, together with the Motions to Dismiss With Prejudice filed by Complainants Modern Telecommunications Company and Northeast Missouri Rural Telephone Company on November 25, 2002, and by Alma Telephone Company on January 30, 2003, dispose of all claims of the Complainants in this proceeding against the Verizon Wireless Entities.¹

3. With all matters in controversy between the Complainants and the Verizon Wireless Entities now settled, the presence of the Verizon Wireless Entities at the pre-hearing conference is not necessary for a full and complete discussion and determination of the issues to be presented thereat.

WHEREFORE, the Verizon Wireless Entities respectfully request the Commission to excuse them from participating in the pre-hearing conference scheduled for Friday, October 3, 2003.

Respectfully Submitted,

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¹ The Commission has yet to rule on these three Motions.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned certifies that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Motion to Dismiss With Prejudice was mailed, first class mail, postage pre-paid, the 24th day of September, 2003 to:

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