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VIA UPS OVERNIGHT DELIVERY

Mr. Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Judge
Missouri Public Service Commission
200 Madison Street, Suite 100
Jefferson City, Missouri 65101

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70-2001-234

**RE: Application for Approval of Interconnection Agreement;
Application for Approval of Amendment No. 1 to
Interconnection Agreement**

IA 20010014

Dear Judge Roberts:

Enclosed please find the following with respect to the above-referenced matters:

1. An original and seven (7) copies of an Application for Approval of Agreement for Interconnection between Verizon Wireless Messaging Services, LLC and Southwestern Bell Telephone Company; and
2. An original and five (5) copies of an Application for Approval for Amendment No. 1 to the Agreement of Interconnection between Verizon Wireless Messaging Services, LLC and Southwestern Bell Telephone Company.

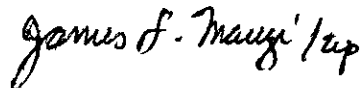
Please file each of these Applications in your usual manner and return the 2 extra enclosed copies of each Application with the date of filing stamped thereon directly to the undersigned in the enclosed, self-addressed, stamped envelope.

Since Amendment No. 1 is intended to become effective at the same time the underlying Interconnection Agreement is approved, we would ask that these two applications be considered, reviewed and acted upon at the same time.

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Thank you for your assistance regarding this matter. If you have any questions regarding this filing, please contact me.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James F. Mauzé".

James F. Mauzé

JFM\ks
Enclosure

cc: Office of Public Counsel (w/enclosure)
Paul G. Lane (w/enclosure)
Mark A. Stachiw, Esq. (w/o enclosure)

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

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APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF)
AGREEMENT FOR INTERCONNECTION)
BETWEEN VERIZON WIRELESS MESSAGING)
SERVICES, LLC AND SOUTHWESTERN)
BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY)

Case No. *T0-2001-234*

**APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT FOR INTERCONNECTION
BETWEEN VERIZON WIRELESS MESSAGING SERVICES, LLC
AND SOUTHWESTERN BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY
UNDER THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1996**

COMES NOW Verizon Wireless Messaging Services, LLC ("VWMS") ("Applicant") and, by its attorneys, hereby files its Application for Approval of Agreement for Interconnection ("Agreement") between VWMS and Southwestern Bell Telephone Company ("SWBT") under the Telecommunications Act of 1996 ("Telecommunications Act of 1996"). VWMS respectfully shows the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") the following:

PERSONAL JURISDICTION

1. Applicant is a Delaware limited liability company, with its principal place of business at 12221 Merit Drive, Suite 800, Dallas, Texas 75251. Applicant is a Commercial Mobile Radio Service ("CMRS") provider, and provides telecommunications products and services to the public, including, but not limited to, one-way and two-way messaging. A certificate of Applicant's authorization to do business from the Secretary of State of Missouri is attached hereto as Exhibit A, and a copy of Applicant's registration of fictitious name for Missouri is attached hereto as Exhibit B. SWBT is a local telephone exchange provider.

2. Applicant may be reached through, and all correspondence, communications and orders and decisions of the Commission should be addressed to:

Mark A. Stachiw
Vice President and General Counsel
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Dallas, Texas 75251
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3. Applicant has no pending action or final unsatisfied judgment or decision against it from any state or federal agency or court which involves customer service or rates which has occurred within three (3) years of the date of this Application. Applicant has no overdue annual report or assessment fee.

AGREEMENT FOR INTERCONNECTION REACHED

4. Applicant presents to this Commission for approval an Agreement for Interconnection by, between, and among, *inter alia*, VWMS and SWBT which was negotiated and executed pursuant to the terms of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (Agreement, Exhibit C). After extensive good faith negotiations between VWMS and SWBT, both VWMS and SWBT executed the Agreement on September 15, 2000. The Agreement includes three Appendices, which are incorporated into the Agreement. All matters between the parties have been successfully negotiated, and there are no outstanding issues between VWMS and SWBT that need the assistance of mediation or arbitration by this Commission.

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL

5. VWMS hereby respectfully requests the Commission's approval of the Agreement, consistent with the provisions of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 and applicable Missouri law. VWMS submits that this Agreement and the parties' implementation of it comply fully with Section 252(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 because the Agreement is consistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity and does not discriminate against any telecommunications carrier not a party to the Agreement.

6. VWMS respectfully requests that the Commission grant expeditious approval of this Agreement, without change, suspension or other delay in its implementation. This is a bilateral agreement, reached as a result of negotiations and compromise between the parties. SWBT will receive a copy of this Application.

STANDARD FOR REVIEW

7. The statutory standard of review for negotiated agreements is set forth in Section 252(e)(2)(A) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 which provides as follows:

- (1) **APPROVAL REQUIRED.**—Any interconnection agreement adopted by negotiation or arbitration shall be submitted for approval to the State commission. A State commission to which an agreement is submitted shall approve or reject the agreement, with written findings as to any deficiencies.
- (2) **GROUND FOR REJECTION.**—The State commission may only reject —
 - (A) an agreement (or any portion thereof) adopted by negotiation under subsection (a) if it finds that —
 - (i) the agreement (or portion thereof) discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement; or

- (ii) the implementation of such agreement or portion is not consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity;

The attached verification of Scott Bell, Vice President, establishes that the Agreement submitted herein satisfies these standards (Verification, Exhibit D).

MISSOURI LAW

8. The negotiated and executed Agreement is consistent with Missouri law.

CONCLUSION

WHEREFORE, for the reasons set forth above, VWMS respectfully requests that the Commission approve the Agreement expeditiously.

Respectfully submitted,

Verizon Wireless Messaging Services, LLC

OTTSEN, MAUZÉ, LEGGAT & BELZ, LC

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EXHIBIT A

No. FL0039473

STATE OF MISSOURI



Rebecca McDowell Cook
Secretary of State

CERTIFICATE OF GOOD STANDING

FOREIGN LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

I, REBECCA McDOWELL COOK, Secretary of State of the State of Missouri, do hereby certify that the records in my office and in my care and custody reveal that

VERIZON WIRELESS MESSAGING SERVICES, LLC

using in Missouri the name

VERIZON WIRELESS MESSAGING SERVICES, LLC

a DELAWARE Limited Liability Company filed its application for registration in this office on the 1st day of JUNE, 2000, and is in good standing having fully complied with all requirements of this office.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have set my hand and imprinted the GREAT SEAL of the State of Missouri, on this, the 4th day of OCTOBER, 2000.

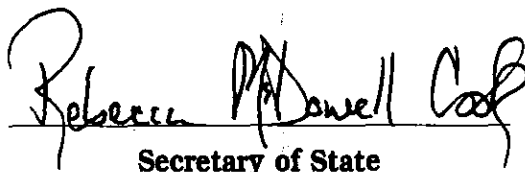

Secretary of State



EXHIBIT B



State of Missouri

No. X 00374097

Rebecca McDowell Cook, Secretary of State

Corporations Division

Registration of Fictitious Name

(Submit in duplicate with filing fee of \$7)

(Must be typed or printed)

This information is for the use of the public and gives no protection to the name. There is no provision in this Chapter to keep another person or business from adopting and using the same name. (Chapter 417, RSMo.)

We, the undersigned, are doing business under the following name, and at the following address:

Name to be registered: VERIZON WIRELESS MESSAGING SERVICES

Missouri Business Address: 1839 BELTWAY DRIVE
(P.O. Boxes not accepted)

City, State and Zip Code: ST. LOUIS, MO 63114

The parties having an interest in the business, and the percentage they own are (if a business entity is owner, indicate business name and percentage owned. If all parties are jointly and severally liable, percentage of ownership need not be listed):

Name of Owners, Individual or Business Entity	Street and Number	City	State and Zip Code	If listed, Percentage of ownership must equal 100%
<u>VERIZON WIRELESS</u>	<u>12221 MERIT DRIVE</u>	<u>DALLAS</u>	<u>TX/75251</u>	
<u>MESSAGING SERVICES, LLC</u>	<u>SUITE 800</u>			

Return to: Secretary of State
Corporations Division
P.O. Box 778
Jefferson City, Mo. 65102

(Over)

The undersigned, being all the parties owning interest in the above company, being duly sworn, upon their oaths each did say that the statements and matters set forth herein are true.

Individual
Owners
Sign Here

X _____ X _____
X _____ X _____
X _____ X _____

The undersigned business entity has caused this application to be executed in its name by its

MANAGER, on this MAY, 18 2000
Title of Authorized Person month/day/year

If
Business Entity
Is
Owner,
Authorized
Person
Execute
Here

M.A. Stachiw
Authorized Signature (If corporation, President or Vice President) Printed Name Title
If corporation, Signature of Secretary or Asst. Secretary Printed Name Title

(Corporate Seal)
If no seal, state "none".

State of TEXAS

County of DALLAS } ss

I, MARGARET M. RICH, A Notary Public, do hereby certify that on MAY 18, 2000
month/day/year

personally appeared before me M.A. STACHIW, and being duly sworn by me, acknowledged that he/she signed as his/her own free act and deed the foregoing document in the capacity therein set forth and declared that the statements therein contained are true.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year before written.

(Notarial Seal or Stamp)

Margaret M. Rich
Notary Public

My commission expires 06-08-03

My County of Commission DALLAS

Corp. #56 (5/99)

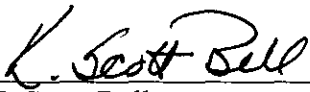
EXHIBIT C

EXHIBIT D

VERIFICATION

STATE OF TEXAS)
)
COUNTY OF DALLAS)

I, K. Scott Bell, hereby verify and affirm that I am authorized to make this verification on behalf of Verizon Wireless Messaging Services, LLC, that I have read the foregoing Application of Verizon Wireless Messaging Services, LLC, and that the statements contained therein are true and correct to the best of my information and belief.



K. Scott Bell
Vice President

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 3rd day of October, 2000.



Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 06-08-03



CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on October 5, 2000, copies of the above were mailed, by United States mail, postage prepaid, addressed to the following:

Office of Public Counsel
P.O. Box 7800
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102

Mr. Paul G. Lane
Southwestern Bell Telephone Company
One Bell Center, Room 3520
St. Louis, Missouri 63101

James F. Mauzé / rep
James F. Mauzé, Esq.