

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

In the Matter of the Application of Fidelity)	Case No. IR-2004-0272
Telephone Company for authority to file,)	Tariff File No. YI-2004-0812
establish, and put into effect new, increased,)	Tariff File No. YI-2004-0813
or revised rates and charges for telephone)	Tariff File No. YI-2004-0814
service.)	Tariff File No. YI-2004-0815

**SBC MISSOURI'S
APPLICATION TO INTERVENE**

SBC Missouri,¹ pursuant to Section 386.420 RSMo (2000), 4 CSR 240-2.075, and the Missouri Public Service Commission's January 13, 2004 Suspension Order and Notice, respectfully seeks to intervene in this proceeding and states:

1. SBC Missouri is a Texas partnership duly authorized to conduct business in Missouri with its principal Missouri office at One SBC Center, St. Louis, Missouri 63101. SBC Missouri is a "local exchange telecommunications company" and a "public utility," and is duly authorized to provide "telecommunications service" within the State of Missouri as each of those phrases are defined in §386.020 RSMo (1994).²

2. All correspondence, pleadings, orders, decisions and communications regarding this proceeding should be sent to:

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3. In this proceeding, Fidelity Telephone Company ("Fidelity") submitted proposed tariff sheets intended to implement a general rate increase for telephone services provided to customers in Fidelity's Missouri service area, which would produce an annual increase of \$2,359,972 (an increase of approximately 30%). Among the rates Fidelity seeks to increase are

¹ Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P., d/b/a SBC Missouri, will be referred to in this pleading as "SBC Missouri."

² All statutory cites are to the Missouri Revised Statutes.

its intrastate switched access rates, which SBC Missouri pays when it sends its customers' intraLATA toll calls to Fidelity for termination to end-users in Fidelity's exchanges. SBC Missouri is one of Fidelity's largest customers.

4. SBC Missouri seeks to intervene in this proceeding because it has a direct interest in the Commission's decision on Fidelity's proposed rate increase. In order to protect its interests, SBC Missouri believes it necessary for it to participate in the Commission's review of Fidelity's proposed tariff changes. SBC Missouri will oppose the proposed access rate increases.

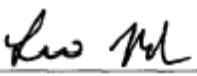
5. SBC Missouri's interests as a local exchange telecommunications service provider differ from those of the general public. No other party to this proceeding will adequately protect SBC Missouri's interest.

6. Granting of this intervention will be in the public interest because SBC Missouri will bring to this proceeding its expertise and experience as a telecommunications provider.

WHEREFORE, SBC Missouri respectfully requests the Commission to grant this Application to Intervene.

Respectfully submitted,

SOUTHWESTERN BELL TELEPHONE, L.P.
D/B/A SBC MISSOURI

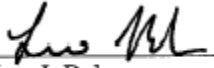
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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