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Issues: Test Year; Accounting Schedules;

Payroll; Advertising Expense; Promotional Giveaways; Dues and Donations; Outside Services; Legal Fees; Rate Case Expense; Travel and Lodging Expense; Rent Expense;

Extraordinary Items

Witness: Sean T. DeVore
Sponsoring Party: MoPSC Staff
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MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION UTILITY SERVICES DIVISION

DIRECT TESTIMONY

OF

SEAN T. DEVORE

FIDELITY TELEPHONE COMPANY CASE NO. IR-2004-0272

Jefferson City, Missouri March 2004

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Appli Telephone Company for A Establish, and Put into Ef or Revised Rates and Cha Service.)	Case No. IR-2004-0272		
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STATE OF MISSOURI)			
COUNTY OF COLE)	SS.		

Sean T. DeVore, being of lawful age, on his oath states: that he has participated in the preparation of the following direct testimony in question and answer form, consisting of pages to be presented in the above case; that the answers in the following direct testimony were given by him; that he has knowledge of the matters set forth in such answers; and that such matters are true and correct to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this / day of March 2004.

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1		DIRECT TESTIMONY
2		OF
3		SEAN T. DEVORE
4		FIDELITY TELEPHONE COMPANY
5		CASE NO. IR-2004-0272
6	Q.	Please state your name and business address.
7	A.	Sean Thomas DeVore, 1845 Borman Court, Suite 101, St. Louis, MO 63146.
8	Q.	By whom are you employed and in what capacity?
9	A.	I am a Utility Regulatory Auditor for the Staff of the Missouri Public Service
10	Commission	(Commission or PSC).
11	Q.	Please describe your educational and employment background.
12	A.	I graduated from Truman State University in May 2002 with a Bachelor of
13	Science degr	ree in Accounting. I commenced employment with the Commission Staff (Staff
14	in May 2002	•
15	Q.	What has been the nature of your duties while employed by the Commission?
16	A.	I am responsible for assisting in the audits and examinations of the books and
17	records of ut	ility companies operating within the state of Missouri.
18	Q.	Have you previously filed testimony before this Commission?
19	A.	Yes. Please refer to Schedule 1, attached to this direct testimony, for a
20	complete lis	ting of testimony I have filed, including the related case numbers and issues
21	involved.	
22	Q.	With reference to Case No. IR-2004-0272, have you made an examination and
23	study of the	books and records of Fidelity Telephone Company (Fidelity)?

A. Yes, in conjunction with other members of the Staff. I specifically examined						
the Company's workpapers and testimony, the Company's response to Staff data requests,						
various invoices, and portions of the Company's general ledger.						
Q. Please identify your areas of responsibility in Case No. IR-2004-0272.						
A. My principal areas of responsibility are test year and update period, payroll						
payroll related benefits, advertising, dues and donations, and miscellaneous expenses.						
Q. What knowledge, skill, experience, training or education do you have in these						
matters?						
A. While attending college, I took various accounting classes, including auditing						
Since joining the Commission, I have attended technical training sessions sponsored by the						
Commission. Through the review of workpapers and other information in the current and						
previous rate cases, as well as researching the Commission's orders, I have acquired						
knowledge of my assigned issues related to this Company and other telephone companies.						
Furthermore, I have received and continue to receive training and guidance from the						
experienced senior auditors at the Commission.						
Q. What is the purpose of your testimony?						
A. The purpose of my direct testimony is to sponsor and explain the accounting						
schedules and adjustments listed below.						
I am sponsoring the following Accounting Schedules:						
Accounting Schedule 9 Income Statement						
Accounting Schedule 10 Adjustments to the Income Statement						
I am sponsoring the following adjustments:						

1		Staff Adjustment Number	<u>Adjustment Area</u>
2 3 4 5 6 7		S-16.1, S-17.1, S-21.1 S-22.2, S-26.6, S-28.2 S-29.3, S-30.8, S-16.2 S-17.2, S-21.2, S-22.3 S-26.7, S-28.3, S-29.4 S-30.9	Payroll and Related Benefits
8		S-30.10	Overtime Payroll
9		S-26.9	Marketing Payroll
10 11 12		S-16.3, S-17.3, S-21.3 S-22.4, S-26.8, S-28.4 S-29.5 and S-30.11	Bonuses
13		S-26.1	Advertising
14		S-26.2	Promotional Giveaways
15		S-26.3, S-30.2 and S-30.3	Dues, Donations and Misc. Items
16		S-26.5 and S-30.6	Outside Services
17		S-30.7	Legal Fees
18		S-30.12	Rate Case Expense
19 20 21		S-22.1, S-28.1, S-29.1 S-30.4, S-29.2, S-30.5 and S-26.4	Travel and Lodging Expense
22		S-16.4	Rent Expense
23		S-29.6 and S-30.13	Extraordinary Items
24	TEST YEAR		
25	Q.	What test year is the Staff using	in this case?

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- A. As directed by the Commission in its Suspension Order And Notice dated February 25, 2004, the 12-months ending August 31, 2003, was used as the test year in this
- case, updated for known and measurable changes through January 31, 2004.
 - Q. Please describe the test year and how it is used.
- A. The test year is a 12-month period, which serves as the starting point for review and analysis of the utility's operations to determine the reasonableness and appropriateness of the rate filing. The test year forms the basis for any adjustments necessary to remove abnormalities that have occurred during the period and to reflect any increase or decrease to the utility's accounts. Adjustments are made to the test year level of revenues, expenses and investments to establish an appropriate relationship upon which to establish rates. A comparison between the rates produced by this relationship and the recommended rate of return is compared to the existing rates to determine if any additional revenues are necessary. If the utility's earnings are deficient, rates need to be increased. In some cases, existing rates generate earnings in excess of authorized levels, which may indicate the need for rate reductions. The test year is the vehicle used to evaluate and determine the proper relationship between revenue, expense and investment. This relationship is essential to determine the appropriate level of earnings for the utility.
- Q. Why did the Staff agree to a test year of the 12-months ended August 31, 2003, updated for known and measurable changes through January 31, 2004?
- A. The August 31, 2003, test year represents the latest complete information basis available to Staff for its audit. The test year is updated for known and measurable changes to allow the test year to remain current through the update period for changes in material items. Such items could include changes in the capital structure, pay increases and customer growth.

- Test year amounts are adjusted to enable the parties to make rate recommendations on the basis of the most recent auditable information available.
 - Q. Does the Staff propose any type of true-up proceedings for this case?
 - A. No.

ACCOUNTING SCHEDULES

- Q. Please describe Accounting Schedule 9, Income Statement.
- A. Accounting Schedule 9, Income Statement, contains the Staff's adjusted Missouri jurisdictional revenues and expenses for the test year ended August 31, 2003, updated for known and measurable changes through January 31, 2004. Listed in column "C" is the account balances as recorded in the Company's ledgers, by the account numbers and titles listed in columns "A" and "B", respectively, for the test year ended August 31, 2003. The Staff's income statement adjustments (detailed in Accounting Schedule 10 Adjustments to Income Statement) are listed in column "D". Utilizing the allocation factor in column "E", and the amounts shown in "C" and "D", Staff calculated the jurisdictional portion shown in column "H". Column "F" lists the jurisdictional adjustments Staff is proposing.
 - Q. Please explain the Accounting Schedule 10, Adjustments to Income Statement.
- A. Accounting Schedule 10, Adjustments to Income Statement, contains a listing of the specific adjustments that the Staff has made to the unadjusted test year income statement to derive the Staff's adjusted net income. A brief explanation for each adjustment and the name of the Staff witness sponsoring the adjustment are listed on Accounting Schedule 10.

PAYROLL

- Q. Please explain adjustments S-16.1, S-17.1, S-21.1, S-22.2, S-26.6, S-28.2, S-29.3, S-30.8, S-16.2, S-17.2, S-21.2, S-22.3, S-26.7, S-28.3, S-29.4 and S-30.9.
- A. These adjustments represent the Staff's individual payroll annualizations to the various expense functions (i.e., plant specific operations, plant nonspecific operations, customer operations and corporate operations).
 - Q. What are the different components of Staff's payroll annualization?
- A. The annualization considers the labor component for all of Fidelity Communication's employees. Fidelity Communications is Fidelity Telephone's holding Company. In addition, Staff included the annualization of all payroll taxes, retirement plans, and health care expenses.
- Q. Please explain the methodology you employed to determine annualized payroll.
- A. The Company's payroll is based on the total payroll of Fidelity Communications. The Staff began by annualizing labor to reflect the July 1, 2003. wage rate increase and the January 1, 2004, wage rate increase. In effect, the labor annualization restates test year labor expense as if the July 2003 and January 2004 wage rate increases were in effect during the entire test year. The total labor for each employee was allocated based on factors that reflect only telephone operations. The annualized labor was then factored up using the Company's benefit loading factor to produce the total annualized payroll.
 - Q. Why were these salary rates used to calculate the payroll annualization?
- A. These levels represent the most current indicators of ongoing payroll expense.

 This is consistent with the ratemaking principle of maintaining the proper relationship of revenues, expenses and investment at a point in time.

- 1 Q. What is included in Company's benefit loading factor?
 - A. Company's benefit loading factor takes into account Federal Insurance Contributions Act taxes (FICA), Unemployment taxes, 401(k) plan, health insurance premiums and claims and workman's compensation.
 - Q. Please explain adjustment S-30.10.
 - A. This adjustment reflects the Staff's annualized overtime payroll. In recent years, the amount of overtime has fluctuated. Therefore, Staff is using a five-year average approach in order to normalize overtime. The fluctuation of the amount of overtime is caused by internal and external factors affecting the operations of a company. Some examples of these factors include changing operating systems, expanding service territory, storms that cause damage to utility property and even employee levels. This five-year average more accurately reflects the ongoing level of overtime.
 - Q. Please explain adjustment S-26.9.
 - A. Adjustment S-26.9 removes a portion of the salaries of the director of sales, the marketing administrator and the senior product manager. Based on a review of their job descriptions, it appears these individuals spend a significant amount of their time analyzing, promoting and monitoring products and services that are not regulated by the Commission. Since these employees performed the work relating to the advertising disallowances, discussed later in my direct testimony, Staff has disallowed a portion of these employees' salaries based on the percentage of advertising disallowed.
 - Q. Please explain adjustments S-16.3, S-17.3, S-21.3, S-22.4, S-26.8, S-28.4, S-29.5 and S-30.11.

A. Theses adjustments eliminate the bonuses given to employees at the end of the fiscal year 2002. In response to Staff Data Request (DR) 24.1 the Company provided the criteria used to determine the bonuses for all regular employees. This criteria was based on a target number of customers who signed-up for various services. The bonuses given to the officers of the Company were not based on any set criteria. Additionally, DR 24.1 states that the new Incentive Bonus Plan was a pilot project for 2003 and that its continuation is within the discretion of management.

Although there were established objectives in the determination of the regular employees' bonuses, only a small number of employees have any influence over the attainment of these objectives. Since the officers' bonuses are not based on any established criteria, the employees do not know what objectives they must achieve to attain an award. The Staff believes that an appropriate incentive plan should provide objectives that relate specifically to employees' duties, rather than broad company goals over which an employee has little or no control. Awardees must ascertain what they must individually achieve in order to receive incentive compensation?

- Q. What other concerns does the Staff have regarding Fidelity's incentive plan?
- A. Since the incentive plan was a pilot arrangement and can be discontinued at any time, it is not representative of a continuing expense that should be included in ongoing rates. Also, the Staff believes the officers' bonuses do not represent a reasonable expense. The amount of these bonuses represent from 4% to 16% of an officer's base salary. These officers already enjoy a high level of compensation, which provides an incentive to perform and maintain the health of the Company. Finally, Fidelity has experienced declining profits

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Company.

- and is asking ratepayers for a significant increase in rates. The Staff does not believe it is 1 2 reasonable to also ask ratepayers to also fund significant discretionary bonuses. 3 Q. How did Staff determine the portion of annualized payroll to be charged to 4 operations and maintenance (O&M) expense? 5 Staff multiplied total annualized payroll by O&M expense factors to derive the A. 6 total annualized O&M payroll. Total annualized company O&M payroll was distributed to 7 expense functions based upon the actual distribution of test year payroll. 8 Q. How were the O&M factors determined? 9 A. The Staff based its O&M factors on the 12-month period ending December 31, 10 2003. During the year, a portion of payroll and other expenses are distributed to various 11 expense and construction accounts. Some of these distributions are only performed on a fiscal 12 year basis. Therefore, the Staff developed its O&M factor based on the Company's fiscal 13 year, rather than the test year. 14 Q. What are the results of the Staff's O&M factor calculations? 15 A. The Staff's calculation produced an O&M expense factor of 94.45 percent. 16 This factor was used in the Staff's calculation of annualized payroll. Since the overtime 17 calculations were based on only expense dollars and no amount of bonus was capitalized, the 18 O&M factor was not applied to these adjustments. 19 **ADVERTISING EXPENSE** 20 Q. Please explain adjustment S-26.1. 21 A. Adjustment S-26.1 disallows certain advertising costs incurred by the
 - Q. Please describe the past treatment of advertising expenses by the Commission.

A. As part of Re: Kansas City Power and Light Company, 28 Mo. P.S.C. (N.S.	3.)					
228 (1986) (KCPL), the Commission adopted an approach which classifies advertisements						
into five categories and provides separate rate treatment for each category. The five	ve					
categories of advertisements adopted by the Commission for purposes of this approach are:						
1. <u>General</u> - informational advertising that is useful in the provision of adequate service;						
2. <u>Safety</u> - advertising which conveys the ways to use the Company's service safely and to avoid accidents;						
3. <u>Promotional</u> - advertising used to encourage or to promote the use of the particular commodity the utility is selling;						
4. <u>Institutional</u> - advertising used to improve the Company's public image; and						
5. <u>Political</u> - advertising which is associated with political issues.						
The Commission adopted these categories of advertisements because it believed that	a					
utility's rates should include the reasonable and necessary cost of general and safety						
advertisements, should disallow the cost of institutional or political advertisements and should						
include the cost of promotional advertisements only to the extent that the utility can provide						
cost-justification for the advertisement (Ibid., pp. 269-271).						
Q. What standard did the Staff use to evaluate the Company's advertising expense						
in this case and to develop the adjustments?						
A. The Staff utilized the standards as initially established in the KCPL case, and						
utilized in subsequent cases, to determine the test year level of allowable advertising expense						
for the general, safety, institutional, promotional and political categories of advertising. The						
Staff proposes to disallow advertisements that are institutional, promotional, unrelated to the						
telephone industry or ask for charitable donations. The Staff allowed all general and safety-						

advertising accounts by the Company. Staff also disallowed the expense associated with

- 1 advertisements that it classified as promotional to the extent the cost was not justified by the 2 Company. This cost justification is discussed later in my testimony. 3 Q. What media does the Company utilize to place its advertisements? 4 A. The Company uses the following media: 5 1. Radio 6 2. Television 7 3. Print (Newspapers) 8 4 Other Print 9 Describe the institutional advertisements that the Staff disallowed. Q. 10 The Staff disallowed \$23,264 related to the following advertisements classified A. 11 as institutional in nature: Halloween, Christmas and New Year's ads, sponsorships such as 12 golf, balloon races, truck shows, and sports teams, all county fair advertising and expenses, 13 Sullivan Eagles Fan ad, and booster ads in the school newspaper, as well as many other 14 smaller ads. These advertisements are institutional in content and provide no information or 15 benefit to Fidelity's customers, related to telephone service. The ads are designed to build the 16 company's image and are not necessary for the provision of safe and adequate service. 17 Q. Please describe the promotional advertisements that the Staff disallowed. 18 A. The Staff disallowed \$16,950 related to the following advertisements classified 19 as promotional in nature; 3 month free ads, Can You Be Reached ads, Captain's Chair ads, 20 Compare and Save, Convenience Package, Free Backpack, Free Caller ID, Get The Gang 21 Together, Individual Voicemail, Monthly News, Smart Features, DSL as well as other small 22 advertisements. DSL is not regulated by the state of Missouri and therefore all associated ads 23 were disallowed.
 - Q. Has the Company provided any documentation in this case regarding the cost/benefit analysis of promotional advertising?

- A. Yes. Company did provide an analysis tracking the subscriptions to each service the company offered. Based on this analysis, Staff did allow a portion of promotional advertising.
 - Q. Did the Staff adjust test year expense for any political advertising?
 - A. The Company placed no political advertisements during the test year.
 - Q. Did Staff make any other adjustments for Advertising?
- A. Yes. During Staff's analysis of the Advertising account, the Staff found a number of items that did not belong in Advertising such as dues, supplies, and items purchased for employees' personal use. Staff disallowed the percentage of supplies that were not telephone related or for the employees' personal use.

PROMOTIONAL GIVEAWAYS

- Q. Please describe adjustment S-26.2.
- A. This adjustment decreases expenses for promotional giveaway items distributed during the test year.
 - Q. Please describe the items that the Company offers as promotional giveaways.
- A. The Company distributed many types of items (e.g., pens, pencils, lawn chairs, shirts, etc.) during the test year. Some of the items display the Fidelity Communications logo. The Staff believes that the cost of promotional giveaways provides no direct benefit to the ratepayer and, therefore, should be not be included in rates. Additionally, the Commission has previously disallowed the cost of giveaway items that were similar in nature in several rate cases, including *Missouri Cities Water Company, et al.* Case No. WR-92-207.

DUES AND DONATIONS

Q. Please explain adjustments S-26.3, S-30.2 and S-30.3.

A. Staff adjustments S-26.3, S-30.2 and S-30.3 disallow various dues, donations and miscellaneous items expensed by the Company during the test year. In the past it has been the Commission's position to disallow dues and donations that: (1) provided no direct, quantifiable benefit to the ratepayer, (2) were not necessary in providing safe and adequate service to the ratepayer, and (3) represented an involuntary contribution on the part of the ratepayer to an organization. The Staff contends that although the Company's management may choose to make these types of expenditures, the cost should be borne by the shareholder, not the ratepayer.

The total amount of all the items examined in the Staff's analysis for dues and donations was \$107,183. The Staff is proposing a disallowance of \$89,552 for dues and donations. The Staff categorized these disallowances into the following topics:

<u>Topic</u>	Description	Disallowance Amount
1	Dues	\$6,255
2	Donations and Contributions	\$26,548
3	Misc. Other Items	\$56,749

- Q. In regards to Topic 1, dues, please explain the items that were disallowed.
- A. This adjustment decreases test year expenses relating to various dues the Company has included in its cost of service. These expenses include dues such as Knights of Columbus dues and country club dues. These dues have been excluded because they are not necessary for the provision of safe and adequate service and, thus, do not provide any direct benefit to ratepayers.
 - Q. Do you have any specific comments about this issue?

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- **OUTSIDE SERVICES**
- Q. Please explain adjustments S-26.5 and S-30.6.
 - A. These adjustments relate to services provided to Fidelity Telephone Company by outside contractors. The Staff reviewed outside services posted to accounts 6721 through

- A. Dues for memberships in local chambers of commerce were allowed because
- such memberships generally benefit the Company and its customers, through the Company's
 - participation in the local communities it serves. The Commission has historically allowed in
- 4 rates one chamber of commerce membership in each of the Missouri communities that a
 - utility serves.
 - Q. In regards to Topic 2, donations and contributions, please explain the items
 - that were disallowed.
 - A. This adjustment decreases test year expenses relating to various donations the
 - Company has included in its cost of service. These expenses include donations to various
 - sporting and community events, charities and scholarship funds. Such donations have been
- excluded because they are not necessary for the provision of safe and adequate service, and
- thus do not have any direct benefit to ratepayers. Allowing the Company to recover these
- expenses through rates causes the ratepayer to involuntarily contribute to these organizations.
 - Q. In regards to Topic 3, Miscellaneous Other items, please explain the items that
- were disallowed.
 - A. This adjustment eliminates miscellaneous expenses incurred during the test
- 17 year. These expenses included such things as the Company Christmas party, donuts, flowers
 - and parade candy. Such expenses have been excluded because they are not necessary for the
 - provision of safe and adequate service, and thus do not have any direct benefit to ratepayers.

6725 during the test year. Staff proposes to disallow fees charged for Human Resource consulting as this is a non-reoccurring expense and should not be included in the ongoing cost of service.

The Company incurred charges for newsletter consulting. The Company indicated that the newsletter consulting is not an ongoing expense and therefore it should be disallowed.

The Company incurred expenses for marketing consulting. Staff disallowed this expense because the contract and job description for this consultant deals primarily with the sales of the Company's products that are not regulated by the Missouri Commission.

The Company has fees billed by a lobbying firm. Staff is proposing the disallowance of lobbying expenses in rates.

- Q. What position has the Commission taken in the past with regard to lobbying expenses?
- A. In several past cases presented to the Commission, the Commission has historically disallowed the costs associated with lobbying. Specifically in case 18,180 In the matter of Missouri Public Service Company, Kansas City, Missouri, 20 Mo.P.S.C. (N.S.) 68, 105 (1975) and Case No. ER-83-49, In the matter of Kansas City Power & Light Company, 26 Mo.P.S.C. (N.S.) 104, 116 (1983), the Commission has stated the beneficiaries of lobbying activities are usually the stockholders of the company involved in lobbying. The Commission has also stated that the stockholders of a company involved in lobbying should be the ones to assume responsibility for these expenses unless the company offers substantial evidence for their inclusion in rates. Also, it is very difficult, if not impossible, to say for certain how effective a lobbyist's actions may be, and thus the expenses related to lobbying cannot absolutely be shown to provide any benefit.

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- Q. Please explain adjustment S-30.7.
 - This adjustment was made to eliminate legal expenses incurred while handling A. issues not regulated by the Missouri Public Service Commission, items that were nonrecurring, and lobbying.

RATE CASE EXPENSE

- Q. Please describe adjustment S-30.12.
- A. This adjustment normalizes rate case expense over a five-year period.
 - How was rate case expense adjusted for Case No. IR-2004-0272? Q.
- A. The total amount of rate case expense incurred by Fidelity Telephone Company through December 31, 2003, is being allowed at this time. Any additional cost that is reasonably incurred for rate case expense will be considered for inclusion later in the case. Some rate case costs, such as consulting fees, employee travel expenditures and legal representation, are directly associated with the length of the case through the prehearing and hearing process. The Staff will work with the Company to establish an ongoing normalized level of rate case expense for inclusion in rates.

TRAVEL AND LODGING EXPENSE

- Q. Please explain Income State Adjustments S-22.1, S-28.1, S-29.1, S-30.4, S-29.2, S-30.5 and S-26.4.
- 20 A. Adjustments S-22.1 through S-30.4 eliminate the non-telephone portion of the vehicle allowances given to select individuals in lieu of a company car.

Adjustments S-29.2 and S-30.5 eliminate the vehicle allowance given to two individuals. These two individuals have company cars and Staff does not believe they should be allowed both a company car and a vehicle allowance.

Adjustment S-26.4 eliminates all travel expenditures associated with the Company's marketing consultant. Staff believes all related expenses should be disallowed as Staff is disallowing the consulting fees charged by this consultant.

RENT EXPENSE

- Q. Please explain Income Statement adjustment S-16.4.
- A. Adjustment S-16.4 annualizes rent expense through the update period ending January 31, 2004. This adjustment is based on the expiration of leases in effect during the test year and an annualization of leases that became effective during the test year and update period.

EXTRAORDINARY ITEMS

- Q. Please explain Adjustment S-29.6.
- A. Adjustment S-29.6 removes extraordinary income received on the cash payout of a life insurance policy held on the life of one of the Company's Board of Directors. Following the death of the individual, the Company was paid a sum of \$248,856. Company had \$212,488 invested in the policy. The difference of \$36,368 was booked as a reduction to test year expense. Therefore, test year expense was increased to eliminate this one-time reduction.
 - Q. Please explain Adjustment S-30.13.

A. Adjustment S-30.13 removes an extraordinary gain resulting from the forfeited deferred compensation of a terminated employee. This gain was booked as a reduction to test year expense. Therefore, test year expense was increased to eliminate this one-time reduction.
Q. Are there any revenue adjustments to the Income Statement?
A. Yes. Please see the direct testimony of Staff Witness Amanda C. McMellen for a detailed description of the revenue adjustments to the Income Statement.
Q. Does this conclude your direct testimony?
A. Yes, it does.

CASE PROCEEDING PARTICIPATION

SEAN T. DEVORE

PARTICIPATION	TESTIMONY		
COMPANY	CASE NO.	ISSUES	
Empire District Electric	ER-2002-0424	<u>Direct</u> – Advertising, Promotional Giveaways, Dues and Donations, PSC Assessment, Rate Case Expense, Postage Expense, Customer Deposits, Materials and Supplies, Prepayments, Customer Advances	
Ameren UE	GR-2003-0517	<u>Direct</u> – Plant in Service, Depreciation Reserve, Depreciation Expense, Other Rate Base, Cash Working Capital, Property Taxes, Dues and Donations	

y and the movies beckon like golden-ladder. Screenwriters and heap private eyes cling to the ower rungs. Blondes shimmer, rooners croon, corruption lurks in very mansion.

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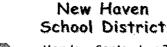


LUNCH MENU

Franklin County R-II

Monday, September 2 NO SCHOOL Labor Day Holiday Tuesday, September 3 Chicken nugget's, green beans, fruit, cookie, milk. Wednesday, September 4
Cheeseburger/bun, tater tots, fruit, cake, milk. Thursday, September 5 Crispito, salad/crackers, fruit, pudding, milk. Friday, September 6

Hot doa/bun, corn, fruit, jello, milk



Monday, September 2 NO SCHOOL Labor Day Holiday
Tuesday, September 3
Corn dog, green beans, fruit, rice krispy treat, milk. Wednesday, September 4 BBQ Hamburger, bun, corn, fruit crisp, milk. Thursday, September 5
Spaghetti, hot roll, green beans, fruit, milk. Friday, September 6 Chicken patti, bun, pasta salad, fruit, cookie, milk.

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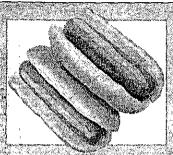
Answer certain calls with a recorded message stating you are unavailable.

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Customer appreciation lunch, Thurs. at Fidelity

Enjoy a free lunch of hot dogs, chips and cold soda this Thursday, Oct. 17 at Fidelity's business office at 103 Front Street in New Haven

Food will be served from 11.00 a.m. until 2.00 p.m.



Fidelity offers Free Caller ID during Oct

FREE – that's a word not used very often these days. However, Fidelity Communications is proud to use it in connection with a new Caller ID campaign. During the month of October, customers that do not currently subscribe to Caller ID may sign up for one FREE month of Caller ID plus a FREE Caller ID box and FREE installation.

Fidelity now offers Caller ID with Nationwide Name and Number delivery. Nationwide Name and Number allows phone numbers — local as well as long distance — and callers' names to be viewed on a separate Caller ID display. Fidelity is also providing a Caller ID box FREE during the month of October.

This promotion provides customers with more than \$25 in savings. But hurry, because the special offer ends October 30, 2002. To receive your FREE month of Caller ID and pick up your FREE display box, stop by any of the Fidelity business offices in Sullivan, Owensville, New Haven, Gerald, or Rolla.

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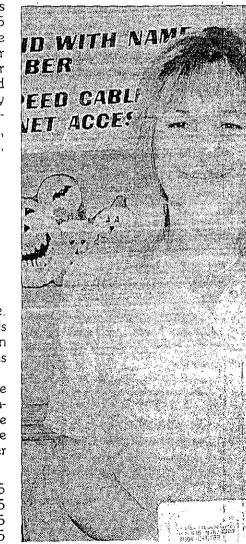
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All DSL packages include free installation for a limited time. DSL Modems may be leased from Fidelity for an additional five dollars per month or purchased either from Fidelity or a computer store

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So trade in your dial-up! Once you've experienced the speed of DSL or a Cable Modem from Fidelity, the Internet will never be the same!

THEE CALLER ID DOX

Candace Robertson displays one of the FREE caller ID boxes given to all new Caller ID customers during the month of October. Any Fidelity customer not currently subscribing to Caller ID may sign up for one FREE month of Caller ID plus a FREE Caller ID box and FREE installation.

In the last six months, over 300 service calls were made to Fidelity by customers who did not carry Inside Wire Maintenance and needed repair to their inside wiring. In these cases, the customer was required to pay for parts and labor associated with the repair. Sometimes these problems can become expensive. For a mere \$3.50 per month, these customers could have had the problem fixed at no extra cost.

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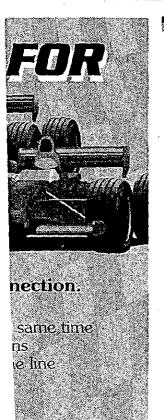
Inside Wire Maintenance is available to all telephone lines other than those associated with telephone systems, such as PBX or key systems. In those cases, if the telephone system was installed by Fidelity, a separate service contract can be set up with the business.

Fidelity's Inside Wire Maintenance covers the majority of inside wiring

*Caller ID display unit is required to see the name and number of the caller.

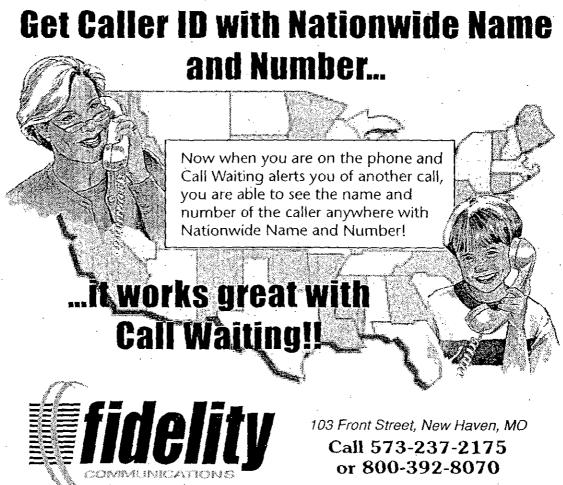
problems called in to its Service Center. However, it does not cover repairs due to natural disasters such as flood, wind and earthquake; not and acts of war; fire; total destruction by fire; wiring that does not meet Fidelity's installation practices or technical standards, or wiring that is not in acceptable working condition.

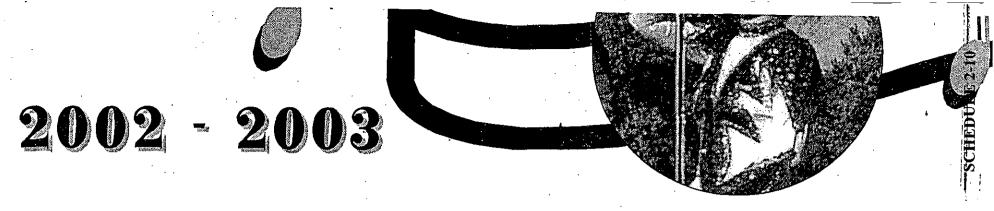
Inside Wire Maintenance is additional insurance for unforeseen bills. There are no installation or set-up fees. To add Inside Wire Maintenance to your account, contact your local Fidelity business office in Gerald, New Haven, Owensville, Rolla, or Sullivan or call 1-800-392-8070.



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The auction will be held at the Blaue residence on Old State Rd, near Gerald, MO. From Gerald go east on Hwy 50 to Hwy C. Take Hwy. C north approx. 3 miles to Old State Rd. Proceed west 1.3 miles on Old State Rd. to auction site. (Roads will be marked day of sale.)

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Low-income individuals eligible for Lifeline and Link-Up telephone assistance grograms may be eligible for discounts through state specified telephone assistance plans.

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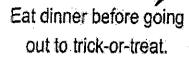


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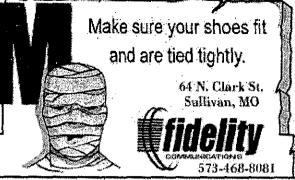
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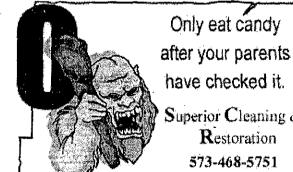
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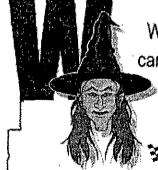
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ditional mailboxes may be set

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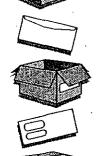


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tied as suspicious," according to wave.costip com/services/ fac.html.

Outcomers may add e-mail addresses to the Approved Senders bit so they will be passed to remail addresses to the Block Senders bits to these Message Senders bits to the Message Center. In addition, the spen filters may be turned off completely if outstomers decide they don't want their messages in tercepted.

There are only a few things customers served to remember about the Message Center and spen filters. Although Positini does send a register report to the customer's e-mail address regarding activity in their Message Center, they must be check it within 14 days to make sure any new e-mails detivered there are not interest to the filters.

Fidelity's voicemail, more than just an answering machine

The days of needing an an-wering machine are numbered hanks to Ridelity's Voicemail. Joicemail is a continuous an-wering service that provides nore features than a typical an-mental machine. ering machine.

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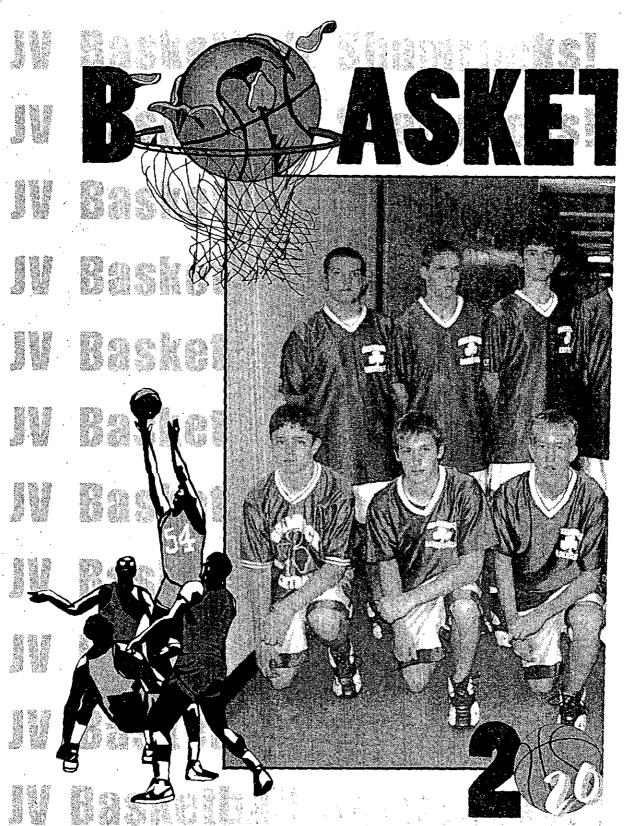
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Lisa Archer. Missing: Jeanna Voss.



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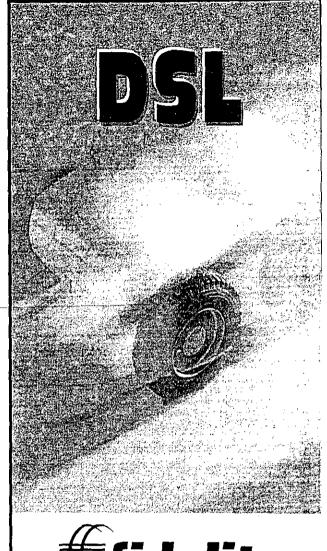
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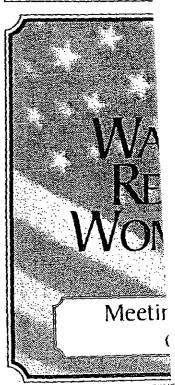
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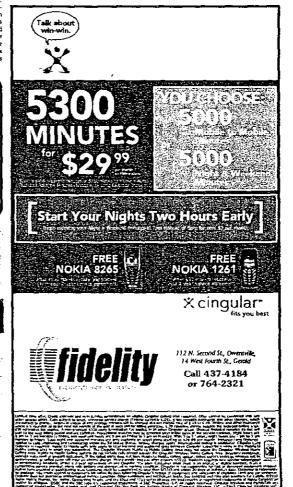
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Get Your Long Distance Locally from Fidelity

As a consumer, you are flooded nearly every day with offers from long distance companies. They send you mail, advertise on buses and billboards, and pay famous celebrities millions of dollars to plug their services on television. But after all the excitement and propaganda, what are you really getting? In many cases, the answer is hidden charges and a maze of automated attendants when you call in for service.

With Fidelity Long Distance, you'receive the same services and features provided by large, multinational companies with all the advantages that they are customers as well. come from keeping it local. Advantages such as local customer service and one bill for all of your services are benefits that other companies simply can't

Fidelity has provided local telephone service to this community for over 60 years. During this time, we have become acquainted with our subscribers not just as account numbers, but also as friends and neighbors. In many cases, our customer service representatives relate on the same level because

Because our employees are familiar with Fidelity customers and care about them as individuals, they will take the time necessary to help determine if the long distance calling plans we offer meet their needs. In addition, once you sign up for service, you will be able to reach a customer service representative by calling a local number or coming into the local business office. Fidelity customer service representatives can answer any questions or assist with any difficulties you may have without

having to transfer you several times.

When you sign up for long distance. all charges will appear on your local telephone bill. This makes it easy to keep track of your total monthly telephone use and allows you to write out one check for all of your communications services.

By subscribing to Fidelity's long distance, you will also be supporting your local community. Fidelity provides financial contributions to this community each year in support of local schools, assistance programs, and

neighborhood improvement projects.

Fidelity is pleased to be able to offer long distance to our subscribers. If you value local customer service, supporting your local community, and would like to learn more about the calling plans offered, please call a customer service representative at the following local numbers:

573-764-2321 (Gerald), 573-237-2175 (New Haven), 573-437-4184 (Owensville), 573-426-5000 (Rolla), and 573-468-8081 (Sullivan).

Fidelity Offers Six-Way Calling

Getting together with family, friends, and business associates is often hard. Fidelity SmartFeatures makes it a little easier with Three-Way Calling and Six-Way Calling. These calling features allow more than two people in different areas to hold a conversation on the are disconnected. The iniphone.

Three-Way and Six-Way Calling can be used in businesses or homes. Small Six-Way Calling are avail-

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By dialing a simple access code, callers are added to the conversation. Callers can be added or deleted at any time during the conversation. However, when the initiating caller hangs up, all callers tiating caller is responsible for all toll charges.

Three-Way Calling and

Fiber Optic Loop to Improve Service

Currently, Fidelity Communications is completing a fiber optic cable ring that will improve service by reducing outages caused by equipment failures and cut lines.

Fidelity construction crews are presently working on a new line that runs from Owensville through Oak Hill and Japan back to Sullivan. This will create a true fiber optic ring. Total length of the project is 113,000 feet or a little over 21 miles.

Existing lines ran from Sullivan to Spring Bluff, Gerald, New Haven and back to Owensville.

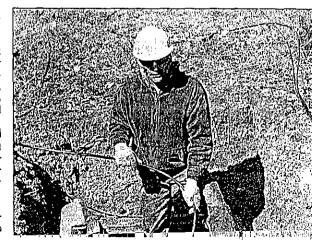
"The main reason for the project is to complete the fiber

both directions and nothing will be isolated. This will allow us to keep more customers in service."

Fidelity crews were at work last week on Highway 185, near the Sullivan Middle School, running the fiber optic cable through conduit installed earlier. Stratman expects the loop to be completed in the next few weeks.

The new liber optic cable will also connect remote switching sites along the route. This provides more bandwidth for enhanced services, such as highspeed DSL Internet service.

Fidelity crews are also working with city crews in the Sullivan



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phone service areas. To find out more about these SmartFeatures, contact the local Fidelity business offices in Sullivan. Owensville, Rolla, New Haven, and Gerald or call 1-800a more reliable service," said George Stratman, director of plant engineering and construc-

"If the liber optic cable within the ring is cut, we can switch in

phone, data and cable TV lines. The lines will serve commercial lots behind Wal-Mart and a new commercial building on Progress Drive, across from the police sta-

FIDELITY CONSTRUCTION crewman Charlie Crombie pulls fiber optic cable through conduit on Hwy, 185 as part of a fiber optic loop project now entering its final stage.



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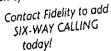
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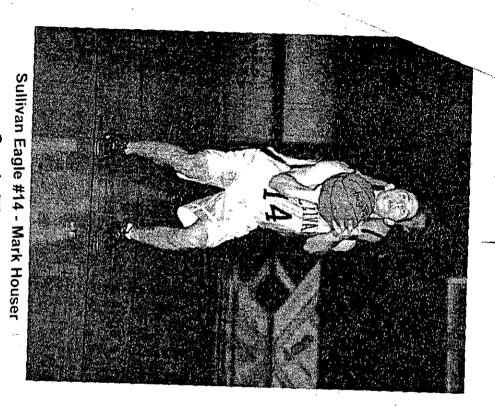
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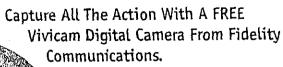
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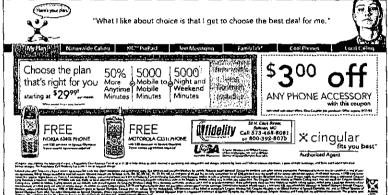


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Internal access, please contact your local Fidelity business office or call 1-800-392-8070, Monday through Friday, from 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM.









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Fidelity Keeps Service Going During Stormy Weather

The heavy winds and storms. which knocked out the electricity in many areas this month, did not interrupt Fidelity telephone or Internet services.

These storms would have normally left customers without telephone and Internet services. But with the recent addition of several digital loop carrier cabinets from Advanced Fiber Communications (AFC) throughout the Fidelity service area, there was continuous service for most Fidelity customers. A few customers were without service, but due to the strength of the storms the number of reports to Fidelitu were minimal.

Fidelity adds AFC cabinets in locations that are approximately 15,000 feet from customers in rural areas. This helps Fidelity better utilize its current plant. It

gives Fidelity the ability to extend high-speed DSL Internet service to customers who otherwise are outside the range of Fidelity's Central Office. The equipment in the AFC cabinets also allows any trouble with telephone or high-speed Internet service to be contained within the area.

"At first, I was skeptical about the new technology Fidelity was investing in," states Rick Lahmann, Fidelity crewman. "But after this storm, I'm a true believer in these AFC cabinets. They really work."

While the AFC cabinets run off electricity, they have a sixhour battery back-up system to handle any electrical outages.

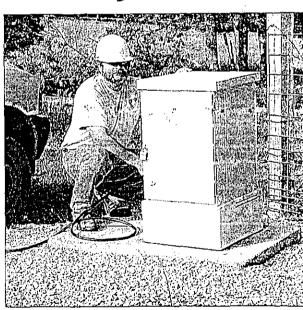
The recent storms left many homes and businesses without electric for over six-hours.

Some homes were out for days. Fidelity crewmen were called out and worked around the clock to set generators and keep their telephone and interent running throughout the outages.

"I'm proud of all the people that pitched in to keep Fidelity working," states Mike Davis, Fidelity Communications senior vice-president. "Many departments but in countless hours to provide continuous service to our customers. We can bring the latest technology to the communities we serve, but it's the pride and attitude of our employees that makes Fidelity. Fidelity Communications

Company is the holding company for 13 subsidiary companies: Fidelity Telephone Company, Fidelity Long Distance, Fidelity Networks, Fidelity Cablevision, Fidelity Systems Plus, Fidelity Broadcasting, Fidelity Natural Gas, Fidelity Eneray. Fidelity Communications International, Cellutel, and Fidelity Communication Services I. II. and III. Fidelity Communications Company is privately owned by the John T. Davis family and employs over 200 people.

THOUGH MANY HOMES were without electricity during the storms. Fidelity worked around the clock to keep phone and Internet service working. Rick Lahmann, Fidelity crewman, continues to refuel generators to AFC cabinets that provide dial-tone and high-speed Internet services.



Fidelity Expands Services to Business Complex



Fidelity Communications is currently expanding its natural gas, telephone and Internet services west of Sullivan. With the addition of a new commercial area near Hwv WW outside Sullivan's city limits, Fidelity will

Natural Gas Supervisor, "We are confident that natural gas is the best energy source for this commercial area; that's why we are investing in four-inch natural gas line for these new businesses."

Services Digital Network (ISDN), and T1 services will be accessible. Multiple upload and download speeds will help each business determine which service they need. A Fidelity represen-

scriber Line (DSL), Integrated mote Call Forwarding. As a local company, we understand the needs of our communities and work to provide the best quality service possible."

At this time, a new movie theatre. Cinema 6, is planning to hold in this area. National



Fidelity construction crew works with the City of Sullivan to bring utilities to new business complex near Hwy WW in Sullivan. Eddie Love, Fidelity crewman, is putting in a four-inch natural gas pipe.

gas, local and long distance telephone service, and dial-up and which-speed Internet access.

Fidelity Natural Gas will place four-inch pipe throughout the commercial property. This four-inch pipe will be able to handle the large volume of natural gas that businesses will require. One-inch pipe usually serves most residential areas. "Natural gas is a competitively priced energy source for large and small businesses and homes," states Paul Schuler, Fidelity

for telephone and internet service will give businesses the opportunity to receive the most advanced high-speed voice communication services. Local and long distance telephone services, plus digital business systems, Voicemail, Caller ID, Call Forwarding, other SmartFeatures, and Centrex services will be available for all businesses in the area.

Fidelity will also provide a number of solutions for highspeed data transfer. Digital Subcient voice and data service for each business customer.

"Fidelity is growing as fast as the communities it serves," states Don Knight, Fidelity Product Manager. "We researched and invested in the latest communication technology to provide our customers the same services offered in metropolitan areas. Though we are located in rural Missouri, our customers demand services such as DSL, Caller ID with Name, and Re-

are already built to this location.
The City of Sullivan and Fidelity are working together to bring all utilities to the remaining lots.

Fidelity Communications offers a number of communications services to Sullivan, Rolla, Owensville, New Haven, and Gerald, Missouri. To find out the services available in your areas, contact a local Fidelitubusiness office or go 10 w w w f i d e l i t y communications.com.

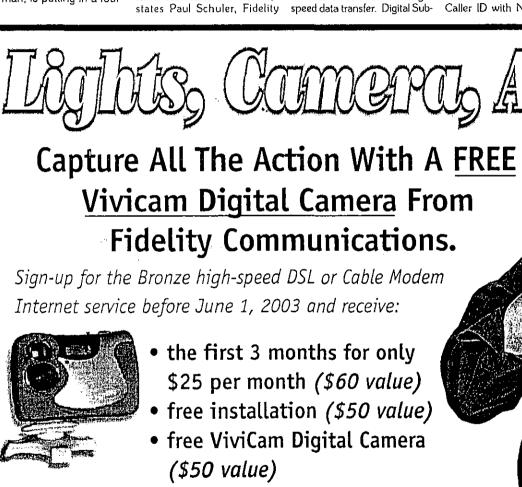
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Put an end to "Blocked" or "Private Number" phone calls! Fidelity offers Unidentified Call Rejection to stop calls that cannot be identified by Caller ID.

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To find out more about Unidentified Call Rejec-





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Joey Brown, son of Greg and Sheila Brown of Gerald. Joey plans to attend Southwest Baptist University in Bolivar.



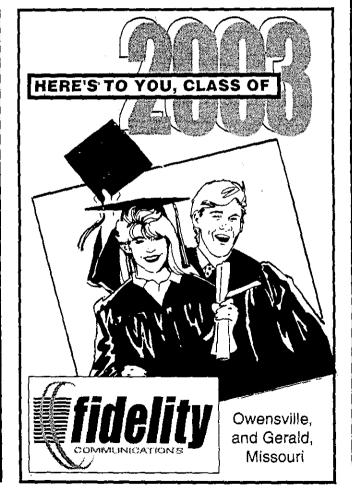
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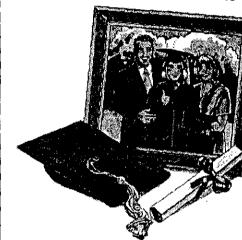
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Bo Decker Memorial Award

Seth Parker, son of Sal and Barb Parker of Owensville. Seth plans to attend East Central College.





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Fidelity Communications Toll-Free Rates Reduced

Fidelity Communications is now offering a new rate for toll-free business numbers. Business customers with a Fidelity toll-free long distance number will see charges reduced from 15 cents are retired to act. 15 cents per minute to nine

cents per minute.

Ridelity's toll-free service of-fers businesses the ability to maintain dose contact with cu-tomers. B. is a cost-effective method for customer interaction and support before, during, and after the sale. Toll-free service process. proves a company's commit-ment to superior customer ser-

"At nine cents per minute.

delity Communications' product manager. "We have business offices located throughout the Pidelity long distance service area. Customers can talk with

Businesses in need of a toli-free number can obtain informa-tion at a local Fidelity business office, by calling a local Fidelity

Pidelity long distance service area. Customers can talk with representatives in person at business offices in Sulfive and Rola or over the phase and Rola or over the phase information about Pidelity Long Distance is also available on the internal at wow, fidelity commances licensary. Toll-ree phone numbers can be used for business call censars, isak lines, etc. Presently, as the area code 800, 866, 877, or 888 is a toll-ree number. Customers can reach businesses faster and esselect from any public communications control in the United States with a toll-free number.



FIDELITY SUPPORTS ATHLETIC TEAMS at all levels from college and high school to one disdutt and youth leagues. Pictured is the Gerald traveling baseball team sponsored by Eddelin.

Fidelity Supports March of Dimes

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Fidelity Communications not only donated to the Rolla March of Dimes WalkAmerica event, but employees also participated in fund raising activities to increase donation ethorts. Stary Counts, right, of the Fridelity business office, presents the check to Cherl Stevens, WalkAmerica 2003 chairperson for the Rolla area.

Fidelity Contributes to Area Causes and Organizations

Organizations and communi-ties often need assistance through donations to accom-plish their goals. Many promi-nent companies are solicited to neral companies are sourcine to help with these goals. Fidelity Communications is one such company that frequently do-nates to organizations and causes within their service ar-

A committee of four Fidelity

employees meets weekly to review donation requests. Committee members include Statushy and basehold teams, volunteers for the American and cash for the American Dirus. This committee considers of the Control of Crawford, Christine Stroup, and Palaba Cancer Society Relay for Life.

Finding Recorded, Palaba, Dirus. This committee considers and processes each request for a donation. Donation requests come in many forms, including money, time, phone baskets, etc.

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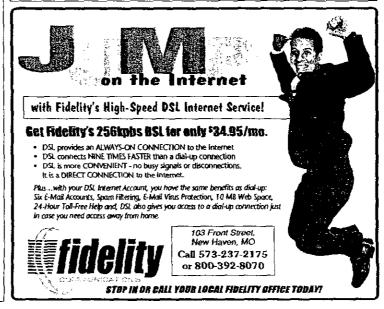
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