

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

In the Matter of the Application of Phone-Link, Inc. )  
for Approval of Interconnection Agreement with ) Case No. XK-2003-0147  
SBC Communications, Inc. )

**SOUTHWESTERN BELL TELEPHONE, L.P.,  
D/B/A SOUTHWESTERN BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY'S  
RESPONSE TO ORDER DIRECTING NOTICE AND ADDING A PARTY  
AND TO STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Comes now Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P., d/b/a Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, and, for its Response to Order Directing Notice and Adding a Party and to Staff Recommendation, states as follows:

1. On October 18, 2002, the Missouri Public Service Commission issued its Order Directing Notice and Adding a Party ("Order"). The caption of the Order is entitled: "In the Matter of the Application of Phone-Link, Inc. for Approval of Interconnection Agreement with SBC Communications, Inc." It appears that this case was inadvertently captioned incorrectly when the case was opened. The Interconnection Agreement, which is a Resale Agreement, is between Phone-Link, Inc. and Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P., d/b/a Southwestern Bell Telephone Company. It further appears that because of the incorrect caption, the Commission inadvertently noted that: "although SBC is a party to the agreement, it did not join in the application. Because SBC is a necessary party to a full and fair adjudication of this matter, the Commission will add SBC as a party to the case." SBC is not a party to the Resale Agreement; rather, Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P., d/b/a Southwestern Bell Telephone Company is the party to the Interconnection Agreement and is the appropriate party that should have been added to this case.


2. Therefore, Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P., d/b/a Southwestern Bell Telephone Company respectfully requests the Commission order: (1) the caption in the above-referenced case be changed to: "In the Matter of the Application of Phone-Link, Inc. for Approval of Interconnection Agreement with Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P., d/b/a Southwestern Bell Telephone Company"; (2) that Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P., d/b/a Southwestern Bell Telephone Company be added as a party to this case; and (3) that SBC Communications, Inc. be dismissed as a party to this case.

3. On November 18, 2002, Staff filed its Recommendation recommending that the Commission grant Phone-Link, Inc. approval of "an facilities-based interconnection, resale agreement with Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P., d/b/a Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, pursuant to the terms of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, for the reasons stated herein." While Staff correctly noted that the parties are Phone-Link, Inc. and Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P., d/b/a Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, the agreement between the parties is not a "facilities-based interconnection, resale agreement." Rather, it is simply a Resale Agreement. Thus, Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P., d/b/a Southwestern Bell Telephone Company prays the Commission approve the Resale Agreement between it and Phone-Link, Inc.

Wherefore, Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P., d/b/a Southwestern Bell Telephone Company prays the Commission: (1) order the caption in the above-referenced case be changed to: "In the Matter of the Application of Phone-Link, Inc. for Approval of Interconnection Agreement with Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P., d/b/a Southwestern Bell Telephone Company"; (2) order Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P., d/b/a

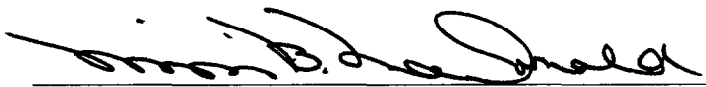
Southwestern Bell Telephone Company be added as a party to this case; (3) order SBC Communications, Inc. be dismissed as a party to this case; and (4) approve the Resale Agreement between Phone-Link, Inc. and Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P., d/b/a Southwestern Bell Telephone Company.

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