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Secretary of the Commission  
Missouri Public Service Commission  
200 Madison Street, Suite 100  
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Re: Conforming Interconnection Agreement Filing  
Case No. TK-2006-0043 (Xspedius)  
Case No. TK-2006-0048 (Birch/Ionex)  
Case No. TK-2006-0049 (CLEC Coalition)

Dear Secretary of the Commission:

Pursuant to the Order Approving Arbitrated Interconnection Agreement in Case No. TO-2005-0336, Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P., d/b/a SBC Missouri ("SBC") today is filing serially-numbered copies of the interconnection agreements between SBC and Birch Telecom of Missouri, Inc./Ionex Communications, Inc.; NuVox Communications of Missouri, Inc.; Socket Telecom, LLC; XO Communications Services, Inc.; Big River Telephone Company, LLC; and Xspedius Management Co. Switched Services, LLC, d/b/a Xspedius Communications, LLC (all "CLEC Coalition members"). The CLEC Coalition members have or will provide executed signature pages to SBC for these filings. The filing of those signature pages is subject to the reservation of rights expressed in this letter.

During the past weeks, the CLEC Coalition members and SBC have worked diligently to conform the respective interconnection agreements to the orders issued in Case No. TO-2005-0336. With the final disputes over conformed language resolved in the Order Approving Arbitrated Interconnection Agreement, the parties have reached agreement on the contract language. Because of the press of time to file the conformed agreements, however, the CLEC Coalition members were not given the opportunity to review the actual documents being filed by SBC this date. CLEC Coalition members reviewed and approved or edited the final drafts, but the logistics of the filings left no time for review of the documents actually filed. Consequently, even though each of these members assumes that there will be no scrivener's or other errors in the filing of the interconnection agreements today, each member hereby expressly reserves its rights to review the filed documents for mistakes. The Coalition members will, of course, work with SBC to correct any identified errors and re-file, if necessary. In that way, the Commission can be assured it has an accurate and complete interconnection agreement on file for each of the Coalition members.

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Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions concerning this letter.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Bill Magness (by Carl J. Lumley)

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