

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

In the Matter of an Investigation Into	)	
Various Issues Related to the Missouri	)	Case No. TO-98-329
Universal Service Fund.	)	

**SBC MISSOURI’S RESPONSE TO STAFF’S OFFERED SCHEDULES AND  
PROCEDURES FOR IMPLEMENTING THE LOW-INCOME AND DISABLED  
PORTION OF THE FUND AS PROVIDED TO THE STAFF BY THE FUND  
ADMINISTRATOR**

COMES NOW Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P., d/b/a SBC Missouri (“SBC Missouri”), and for its response to the Missouri Public Service Commission Staff’s offered Schedule And Procedures For Implementing The Low-Income And Disabled Portion Of The Fund As Provided To The Staff By The Fund Administrator” (“Offered Schedules and Procedures”), states as follows:


1. SBC Missouri agrees that the Administrator’s proposed schedules and procedures satisfactorily address the timing and administration of customer discounts and carrier reimbursements, and that they are otherwise appropriate and should be implemented. More particularly, SBC Missouri supports implementing the activities on the “Proposed Key Dates” reflected in Staff’s Offered Schedules and Procedures, Appendix A, pp. 6-7. We greatly appreciate the efforts undertaken by the Staff and the Administrator to meet the concerns shared by SBC Missouri and The Small Telephone Company Group, concerns which the Administrator acknowledged were valid. (Id., Appendix A, p. 1).

2. SBC Missouri would only further request that the Commission’s order specifically reflect that by the last business day of every month, the Administrator should process and issue support payments to those carriers who submitted applications for reimbursement by

the 15<sup>th</sup> of that month. While the Administrator makes that recommendation for July, the first implementation month regarding carrier reimbursements (id., Appendix A, p. 7), the recommendation should be applied to every calendar month thereafter so that all participants in the process understand that the same operative due dates will apply on a rolling basis.<sup>1</sup>

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I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been electronically mailed to all counsel of record this 16<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2005.

  
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<sup>1</sup> In similar fashion, Staff's Motion For Commission Order Regarding assessments and Surcharges (at p. 3) requested that the Commission's order direct that carriers pay their assessments on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of every month.

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