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Missouri Public
Service Commission

Mr. Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge
Missouri Public Service Commission
P.O. Box 360
Jefferson City, MO 65102

TE-2000-718

Re: In the Matter of the filing of Stoutland Telephone Company's Annual Report

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed please find the original plus eight (8) copies of Motion for Leave to File Annual Report out of Time for filing on behalf of Stoutland Telephone Company in the above referenced matter. Please bring this matter to the attention of the appropriate Commission personnel. A copy of the Annual Report is attached to this filing.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,

BRYDON, SWEARENGEN & ENGLAND P.C.

By: *Sandra Morgan*

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Enclosures

cc: Office of Public Counsel
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**MOTION FOR LEAVE TO FILE
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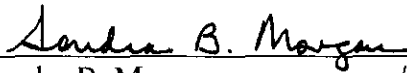
Comes now Stoutland Telephone Company ("Stoutland" or "Company") and for its Motion for Leave to File Annual Report Out-of-Time states to the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") as follows:

1. Pursuant to 4 CSR 240-10.080(1), all public utilities subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission shall file an annual report on or before April 15. Stoutland is a telecommunications company subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission.

2. Although Stoutland's accountant placed the report in the mail prior to April 15, it apparently did not reach the Commission until after April 15, which fell on a Saturday, and the report was returned by the Commission as not being timely filed. Stoutland respectfully requests that the Commission grant its Motion for Leave to File Annual Report Out-of-Time and accept the report for filing. No party should be prejudiced by the inadvertent delay.

Wherefore, Stoutland respectfully requests that the Commission grant its Motion for
Leave to File Annual Report Out of Time and accept the attached 1999 Annual Report for filing.

Respectfully submitted,

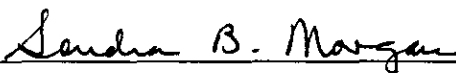

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Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing document was
hand-delivered this 1st day of May, 2000 to:

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