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Mr. Dale Roberts Executive Secretary Missouri Public Service Commission 301 West High Street, Suite 530 Jefferson City, Missouri 65101 Missouri Public Service Commission

Re:

In the Matter of the Petition of DIECA Communications, Inc. d/b/a Covad Communications Company For Arbitration of Interconnection Rates, Terms, Conditions and Related Arrangements With Southwestern Bell Telephone Company

Case No. TO-2000-322

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Covad submits for filing with the Commission the original and (14) copies of Covad's Notice of Deposition. Also submitted is one additional copy of this document which I would ask that you return at the time of filing marked "filed." By copy of this letter, two copies of this document have been sent to the Office of Public Counsel and one copy to the Office of General Counsel. If you should have any question, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for bringing this matter to the attention of the Commission.

Very truly yours,

Lisa C. Creighton

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cc:

Office of Public Counsel Office of General Counsel Paul Lane, Esq.

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BEFORE THE MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION



In the Matter of the Petition)	Service Commission
of DIECA Communications, Inc. d/b/a)	
Covad Communications Company for)	Case No. TO-2000-322
Arbitration of Interconnection Rates, Terms,)	
Conditions and Related Arrangements)	
With Southwestern Bell Telephone Company)	

NOTICE OF DEPOSITION

TO: Mr. Paul Lane, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company

Pursuant to the Missouri Public Service Commission's Arbitration Procedures, Rule 4 C.S.R. 240-2.090(1) of the Missouri Public Service Commission's Practice and Procedure Rules, and Rule 57.03 of the Missouri Rules of Civil Procedure, Defendant DIECA Communications, Inc. d/b/a Covad Communications Company hereby requests that Southwestern Bell Telephone Company ("SWBT") designate a witness or witnesses competent to testify about the following matters:

1. <u>Cost-Related Issues</u>—Covad intends to explore the following cost-related issues: (1) the basis for SWBT's input assumptions for its nonrecurring cost studies for loop qualification and "conditioning," its recurring cost study for digital loops and its recurring and nonrecurring cost studies for shielded cross-connections; (2) the consistency between the assumptions and modeling approach in the aforementioned studies and the corresponding cost studies that SWBT relies on for analog loops and non-shielded cross-connections; (3) the reasons for changes in SWBT's costing methodology and assumptions across different generations of loop qualification and "conditioning" cost studies provided in response to discovery; (4) the consistency between SWBT's costing methodology and assumptions and the most efficient, forward-looking

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engineering practices, procedures and technology described in the various engineering guidelines, internal e-mail communications and other documents provided in response to discovery; and (5) any other cost-related issues in this arbitration.

Outside Plant Related Issues—Covad intends to explore the following outside plant 2. related issues: (1) the interpretation of, SWBT's adoption of, and SWBT's promulgation of generally accepted outside plant engineering methods and procedures, including those advocated by Bellcore (now Telcordia Technologies, Inc.); (2) the basis for SWBT's input assumptions for its nonrecurring cost studies for loop qualification and "conditioning", its recurring cost study for digital loops, and its recurring and nonrecurring cost studies for shielded cross-connections; (3) SWBT's interpretation of "forward-looking" design as used in these proceedings; (4) SWBT's use of various highproduction construction techniques such as modular splicing; (5) past and current SWBT policies and practices for planning outside plant, detailed engineering of outside plant, procuring materials for outside plant, construction of outside plant, and maintenance of outside plant facilities; (6) the consistency between SWBT's costing methodology and assumptions and the most efficient, forward-looking engineering practices, procedures and technology described in the various engineering guidelines, internal e-mail communications and other documents provided in response to discovery; (7) methods used to gather opinions of SWBT's experts, and the manipulation of data to determine input values for cost studies utilized in these proceedings; and (8) any other outside plant related issues in this arbitration.

Counsel for SWBT is required, prior to the deposition, to designate the witness or witnesses who will testify about the matters previously described. The deposition of the designated witness on cost-related issues will take place on July 18, 2000, at the offices of Southwestern Bell, One Bell

Center, St. Louis Missouri, starting at 8:30 a.m., immediately followed by the deposition of the designated witness on outside plant related issues. Counsel for SWBT is directed to bring all highly confidential SWBT documents in this arbitration to these depositions. The depositions will be taken before a stenographic reporter or other person duly authorized to administer oaths.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing was mailed, postage prepaid, this ______ day of January, 2000, to:

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