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Mr. Harvey G. Hubbs, Secretary Missouri Public Service Commission P.O. Box 360 Jefferson City, Missouri 65102

Re: American Operator Services, Inc. PSC Application

Dear Mr. Johnson:

As you may be aware, I represent the Missouri Hotel and Motel Association (MHMA) on telephone matters. I recently received notice from the PSC with respect to the Application seeking PSC authority to provide operator-assisted resale of intrastate telecommunications services to the public from facilities provided by hotels, motels and other large institutions.

Please send me a copy of your Application together with an explanation of your proposed services and how they would be of benefit and/or detriment to member properties of the MHMA in adequate time for MHMA to determine whether it wishes to intervene in support of or in opposition to your Application by the May 5th deadline.

Very truly yours,

Jeremiah D. Finnegan

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the matter of the application) of American Operator Services, Inc.) for a certificate of service) authority to provide Intrastate) Operator-Assisted Resold () Telecommunications Services.

Case No. TA-88-218

MOTION FOR CONTINUANCE

Comes now the Staff of the Missouri Public and for its Commission (Staff) Motion for Continuance in the above-captioned case states that:

- 1. Pursuant to Section 392.440 RSMo Supp. 1987, American Operator Services, Inc. (Applicant) on February 26, 1988 filed an application with the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) seeking authority to provide operator-assisted resale of intrastate telecommunications services (A.O.S.) in the State of Missouri.
- 2. By Order and Notice issued on April 5, 1988 the Commission established an intervention deadline of May 5, 1988 and also directed the Staff to conduct an inquiry into this application and make a recommendation thereon.
- 3. Although Staff has attempted to investigate this matter, the inquiry remains in the preliminary stages, mainly due to the fact that the provision of A.O.S. is novel to the telecommunications industry and the issue(s) has not been previously presented to this Commission.
- 4. Currently Staff is attempting to collect information regarding A.O.S. from other State Utility Commissions. Only after this process has been completed can Staff make a meaningful inquiry and subsequent recommendation as to the provision of A.O.S. by Applicant.
- 5. At this point, Staff expects to complete its investigation and make its recommendation on or before June 15, 1988.
- 6. As no other party has yet sought to intervene in Case No. TA-88-218, Staff believes that the granting of a continuance to June 15, 1988 will not prejudice Applicant or any potential party to the case.

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WHEREFORE, Staff requests the Commission to continue the proceedings in Case No. TA-88-218 to June 15, 1988 so that Staff may complete its investigation in the interim and submit a recommendation on or before said date.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed or hand-delivered to all parties of record on this day of