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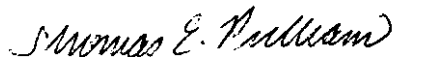
RE: MOPSC Case No. TO-2001-391

Dear Judge Roberts:

Enclosed please find an original and eight (8) copies of a Motion to be Excused From Prehearing Conference to be filed on behalf of Verizon Wireless in the above-referenced docket. Please file this Motion in your usual manner and return the extra enclosed copy with the date of filing stamped thereon directly to the undersigned in the enclosed, self-addressed stamped envelope at your first opportunity. In addition, as this preheating conference is scheduled for Wednesday, May 29, 2002, I would appreciate your bringing this to the attention of Judge Ruth at your first opportunity.

If you have any questions with respect to this filing, please contact me. Thank you for your attention to and assistance with this matter.

Very truly yours,



Thomas E. Pulliam

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Enclosures

cc: Counsel of Record (via regular mail, w/enclosure)
Judge Vicky Ruth (via facsimile)
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**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

In the Matter of a Further Investigation of)
the Metropolitan Calling Area Service After))
the Passage and Implementation of the)
Telecommunications Act of 1996)

Case No. TO-2001-391

MOTION TO BE EXCUSED FROM PREHEARING CONFERENCE

COMES NOW, Cybertel Cellular Telephone Company d/b/a Verizon Wireless pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.090 and, in support its Motion to be Excused from Prehearing Conference, hereby states as follows:

1. Verizon Wireless was granted intervenor status in this proceeding on March 16, 2001 by order of the Commission.
2. Although as a provider of cellular telephone service in the geographical areas involved in this docket, Verizon Wireless has an interest in this proceeding, it has not been an active participant in these proceedings to date, but has maintained its interest in the proceedings by monitoring the various filings which have taken place since this docket was opened.
3. Although Verizon Wireless desires to continue as an intervenor in this proceeding, having not been an active participant in the formulation and preparation of the Final Status Report, nor having taken any position on the issues of public hearings or the release of any highly confidential information contained in the Final Status Report, Verizon Wireless desires to be excused from participating in the Prehearing Conference scheduled for Wednesday, May 29,

2002, while reserving its position as an intervenor in the proceedings to give it the opportunity to become involved in **the future as** and when it may be appropriate.

WHEREFORE, Cybertel Cellular Telephone Company d/b/a Verizon Wireless hereby respectfully requests to be excused from participating in the Prehearing Conference scheduled for May 29, 2002, and any adjournments thereof to a later date.

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