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Re: Case No. TO-2002-185

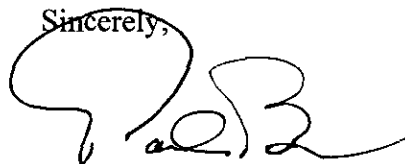
Missouri Public
Service Commission

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed for filing, please find an original and eight (8) copies of a Petition of New London Telephone Company, Orchard Farm Telephone Company and Stoutland Telephone Company to Withdraw from the Case.

Please see that this filing is brought to the attention of the appropriate Commission personnel. A copy of the enclosed document is being provided to parties of record. I thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,



Paul A. Boudreau

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Enclosure
cc: Parties of Record

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the matter of the Application of)	
Southwestern Bell Telephone Company)	Case No. TO-2002-185
to transfer Property and Ownership of)	
Stock Pursuant to Section 392.300, RSMo.)	

**PETITION OF NEW LONDON TELEPHONE COMPANY,
ORCHARD FARM TELEPHONE COMPANY AND
STOUTLAND TELEPHONE COMPANY TO WITHDRAW FROM THE CASE**

Comes now New London Telephone Company, Orchard Farm Telephone Company and Stoutland Telephone Company for their petition to withdraw from the case states to the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) as follows:

1. On or about October 29, 2001, the Small Telephone Company Group ("STCG"), including New London Telephone Company, Orchard Farm Telephone Company and Stoutland Telephone Company, filed its Application to Intervene, Response and Request for Rehearing.

2. Upon further consideration, New London Telephone Company, Orchard Farm Telephone Company and Stoutland Telephone Company have determined that they did not want to participate in the case and therefore are withdrawing from participation in the STCG in this case.

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 mailed or hand-delivered, this 15th day of November, 2001, to:

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