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Re: Case No. TO-98-23

Dear Mr. Stroo:

On July 16, 1997, you submitted to the Commission several purported interconnection agreements, all of which were submitted with a single cover letter and no petition.

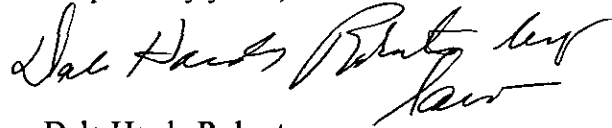
The Commission is aware of the fact that the Act requires all agreements to be submitted to the appropriate state Commission for approval. The recent Eighth Circuit opinion in Iowa Utilities Board v. Federal Communications Commission, No. 96-3321, et al. has created a new uncertainty by leaving the state Commission the decision of which preexisting agreements must be approved and, in Missouri no independent decision has been taken on that issue. Although these agreements were file-stamped and assigned a case number, the cases will be closed because they present no issue for Commission decision as submitted.

In order for the Commission to take action on any interconnection agreements submitted they must be refiled with an appropriate pleading citing the authority under which they are filed and the action which is requested by the filing party. In addition, each agreement should be filed separately

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along with a petition asking for approval that cites the statutory authority on which the request is based. I would ask that you contact counsel for the other parties to these agreements to ensure that the agreement is filed only once. Thank you for your cooperation on this matter.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dale Hardy Roberts", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Dale Hardy Roberts
Chief Administrative Law Judge