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The Honorable Dale Hardy Roberts  
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge  
Missouri Public Service Commission  
301 West High Street, Floor 5A  
Jefferson City, Missouri 65101

Re: Case No. TA-2000-585

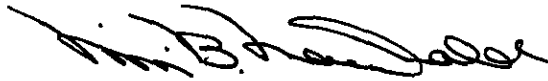
Dear Judge Roberts:

Enclosed for filing with the Commission in the above-referenced case is an original and 14 copies of Southwestern Bell Telephone Company's Application to Intervene.

Please stamp "Filed" on the extra copy and return the copy to me in the enclosed self-addressed, stamped envelope.

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

Very truly yours,



Mimi B. MacDonald

Enclosure

cc: Attorneys of Record

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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In the Matter of the Application of ConnectSouth )  
Communications of Missouri, Inc. for a )  
Certificate of Service Authority to Provide Basic )  
Local Telecommunications Service, Local )  
Exchange Telecommunications Service, and )  
Interexchange Telecommunications Service in the )  
State of Missouri and to Classify Said Services and )  
the Company as Competitive. )

Case No. TA-2000-585

**SOUTHWESTERN BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY'S  
APPLICATION TO INTERVENE**

COMES NOW Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (SWBT) and respectfully  
submits its Application to Intervene in this proceeding pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.060 and 2.075.

In support of its Application, SWBT states:

1. SWBT is a Missouri corporation duly authorized to conduct business in Missouri with its principal Missouri office at One Bell Center, St. Louis, Missouri 63101. SWBT is a "local exchange telecommunications company" and a "public utility" and is authorized to provide "telecommunications service" within the state of Missouri as each of those phrases are defined in §386.020 RSMo (1994).

2. All correspondence, pleadings, orders, decisions and communications regarding this proceeding should be sent to:

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3. In this proceeding, ConnectSouth Communications of Missouri, Inc. (ConnectSouth) seeks a certificate of service authority to provide basic local telecommunications service, local exchange telecommunications service, and interexchange telecommunications service in exchanges currently served by GTE Midwest, Inc., Sprint /United Telephone Company and SWBT. ConnectSouth seeks classification as a competitive company and to

receive a lesser degree of regulation as permitted under Sections 392.361 and 392.420 RSMo. (1994) and the waiver of various statutory provisions and Commission rules.

4. Pursuant to the requirements set forth in 4 CSR 240-2.075(2), SWBT states as follows. The services which ConnectSouth seeks Commission authority to provide will be offered in direct competition with SWBT if ConnectSouth's Application in this proceeding is granted. SWBT therefore has a direct interest in the Commission's decision on ConnectSouth's Application. At this point, SWBT does not have sufficient information to either support or oppose ConnectSouth's Application.

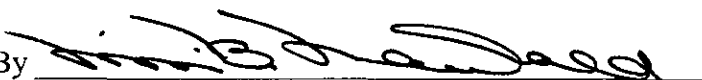
5. This Commission should permit intervention pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.075(4)(A) because SWBT's interests as a provider of basic local exchange service differ from those of the general public. No other party to this proceeding will adequately protect SWBT's interest.

6. This Commission should also permit intervention pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.075(4)(C) because granting SWBT's Application to Intervene is in the public interest in that SWBT will bring to this proceeding its extensive expertise and experience as a telecommunications provider.

WHEREFORE, SWBT respectfully requests the Commission to grant this Application to Intervene.

Respectfully submitted,

SOUTHWESTERN BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY

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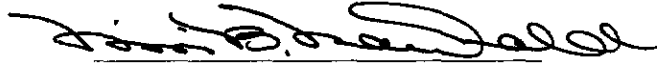
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I hereby certify that copies of this document were served on the following parties by first-class, postage prepaid, U.S. Mail on April 7, 2000.



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