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**Re: Oregon Farmers Mutual Telephone Company**  
- **Case No. TT-2001-328**

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed for filing on behalf of Oregon Farmers Mutual Telephone Company, please find an original and eight (8) copies of a Unanimous Stipulation and Agreement.

Would you please see that this filing is brought to the attention of the appropriate Commission personnel. Copies of the filing are being provided to all parties of record. I thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

  
W. R. England, III

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Enclosures

cc: Parties of Record  
Mr. Robert Williams

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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In the Matter of the Access Tariff Filing of )  
Oregon Farmers Mutual Telephone Company ) Case No. TT-2001-328

**UNANIMOUS STIPULATION AND AGREEMENT**

1. On November 27, 2000, Oregon Farmers Mutual Telephone Company (Company) submitted to the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) a revised tariff sheet designed to make permanent certain interim access rates that it implemented pursuant to Reports and Orders issued in Case Nos. TO-99-518 and TO-99-254. The Company prefiled the Direct Testimony of Robert C. Schoonmaker in support of the revised tariff sheet.

2. On December 20, 2000, the Commission issued its Order Suspending Tariff, Directing Notice, Directing Filing, Scheduling Prehearing Conference, and Establishing Protective Order, which, among other things, suspended the proposed effective date of the tariff to allow sufficient time to study the effect of the proposed tariff and to determine if it is just, reasonable and in the public interest.

3. By subsequent orders, the Commission granted the motion to intervene filed by Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (SWBT) and established dates for the filing of rebuttal and surrebuttal testimony, a second prehearing conference and an evidentiary hearing.

4. On March 1, 2001, the Commission Staff (Staff) prefiled the Rebuttal Testimonies of Steve M. Traxler, William A. Meyer, Jr., Mark L. Oligschlaeger, Rosella L. Schad, David Murray, and Phillip M. Garcia.

5. On March 14, 2001, the parties appeared at and participated in a second

prehearing conference. As a result of that prehearing and subsequent discussions among the parties, the undersigned stipulate and agree as follows:

- a. The Company should be authorized to file revised tariff sheets to reduce the originating and terminating intrastate carrier common line (CCL) access rates from \$.04618 per minute to \$.039078 per minute and from \$.08173 per minute to \$.069161 per minute, respectively (this results in decrease in access revenues of approximately \$38,202 annually).
- b. The Company has no refund obligation pursuant to the terms of its interim access tariff.
- c. The Company should be directed to accrue depreciation expense, effective on the first of the month following the effective date of a Commission order approving this Stipulation and Agreement, based on the depreciation rates for the plant accounts and sub accounts set forth in Column 3 of Schedule 1 which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.
- d. The Company shall complete work on the purchase and installation of circuit equipment and place it in service no later than June 30, 2001. Upon completion of the project, the Company will send final cost amounts for the purchase and installation of equipment to the Staff. In addition, the Company will submit to Staff a copy of its final 2000 cost study allocation factors based on the cost study submitted to NECA for finalized 2000 settlements. At the same time the Company will also provide updated 2001 estimated settlement allocation factors based on its updated estimate to NECA of 2001 settlements. The Company also agrees to provide, approximately mid-year 2002, its final cost study factors based on the cost study submitted to NECA to finalize its 2001 settlement.

e. That all of the prefiled testimony submitted in this case shall be received into evidence without the necessity of the respective witnesses taking the witness stand.

6. Approval of this Stipulation and Agreement in its entirety by the Commission will resolve all issues in this matter.

7. This Stipulation and Agreement has resulted from extensive negotiations among the Signatories and the terms are interdependent. In the event the Commission does not approve and adopt the Stipulation and Agreement in its entirety, then this Stipulation and Agreement shall be void and no Signatories shall be bound by any of the agreements or provisions hereof.

8. None of the Signatories to this Stipulation and Agreement shall have been deemed to have approved or acquiesced in any ratemaking or procedural principle regarding any method of cost determination or cost allocation, and none of the signatories shall be prejudiced or bound, in any manner, by the terms of this Stipulation and Agreement in this or any other proceeding, except as otherwise expressly specified herein.

9. In the event the Commission accepts the specific terms of this Stipulation and Agreement, the Signatories waive, with respect to the issues resolved herein; their respective rights to present testimony, to cross-examine witnesses, and to present oral argument and written briefs pursuant to Section 536.080.1 RSMo 2000; their respective rights to the reading of the transcript of the Commission pursuant to Section 536.080.2 RSMo 2000; and their respective rights to judicial review pursuant to Section 386.510 RSMo 2000.

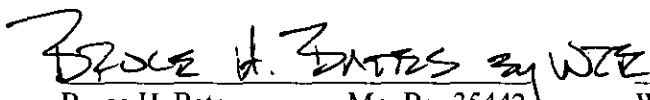
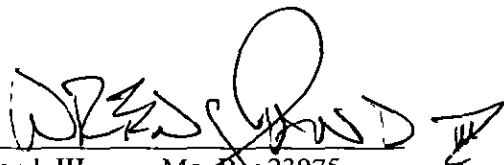
10. The Staff shall file suggestions or a memorandum in support of this Unanimous Stipulation and Agreement and the other parties shall have the right to file responsive suggestions or prepared testimony. All responsive suggestions, prepared testimony, or

memorandum shall be subject to the terms of any Protective Order that may be entered in this case.

11. The Staff shall also have the right to provide, at any agenda meeting at which this Unanimous Stipulation and Agreement is noticed to be considered by the Commission, whatever oral explanation the Commission requests, provided that the Staff shall, to the extent reasonably practicable, provide the other parties and participants with advance notice of when the Staff shall respond to the Commission's request for such explanation once such explanation is required from the Staff. Staff's oral explanation shall be subject to public disclosure, except to the extent it refers to matters that are privileged or protected from disclosure pursuant to any Protective Order issued in this case.

WHEREFORE, the Signatories respectfully request that the Commission issue its order approving the terms of this Unanimous Stipulation and Agreement and for such other orders as are reasonable in the circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,

	
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**OREGON FARMERS MUTUAL TELEPHONE CO.  
DEPRECIATION RATES  
CASE NO. TT-2001-328**

Column 1	2	3	4
ACCOUNT	ACCOUNT NUMBER	STAFF PROPOSED DEPRECIATION RATES %	AVERAGE SERVICE LIFE (YEARS)
MOTOR VEHICLES	2112	11.63%	8.6
GARAGE WORK EQUIPMENT	2115	7.69%	13.0
OTHER WORK EQUIPMENT	2116	7.14%	14.0
BUILDINGS	2121	2.86%	35.0
FURNITURE	2122	7.14%	14.0
OFFICE EQUIPMENT-OFFICE SUPPORT	2123.1	10.00%	10.0
OFFICE EQUIPMENT-COMPANY COMMUNICATIONS	2123.2	11.90%	8.4
GENERAL PURPOSE COMPUTERS	2124	15.63%	6.4
ANALOG ELECTRONIC SWITCHING	2211.0	6.67%	15.0
DIGITAL SWITCHING	2212	6.67%	15.0
SATELLITE AND EARTH STATION FACILITIES	2231.1	8.85%	11.3
OTHER RADIO FACILITIES	2231.2	8.85%	11.3
CIRCUIT EQUIPMENT-DIGITAL	2232.1	10.00%	10.0
CIRCUIT EQUIPMENT-ANALOG	2232.2	10.00%	10.0
PUBLIC TELEPHONE TERMINAL EQUIPMENT	2351	9.71%	10.3
OTHER TERMINAL EQUIPMENT	2362	11.49%	8.7
POLES	2411	4.76%	21.0
AERIAL CABLE-NONMETALLIC	2421.1	4.76%	21.0
AERIAL CABLE-METALLIC	2421.2	4.76%	21.0
UNDERGROUND CABLE-NONMETALLIC	2422.1	3.57%	28.0
UNDERGROUND CABLE-METALLIC	2422.2	3.85%	26.0
BURIED CABLE-NONMETALLIC	2423.1	3.57%	28.0
BURIED CABLE-METALLIC	2423.2	4.17%	24.0
SUBMARINE CABLE-NONMETALLIC	2424.1	4.76%	21.0
SUBMARINE CABLE-METALLIC	2424.2	4.76%	21.0
CONDUIT SYSTEMS	2441	2.00%	50.0