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VIA HAND DELIVERY

Missouri Public Service Commission

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

Re: Ray and Janet Heaton v. Southwestern Bell, AT&T, and Connect One Internet Service, Case No. TC-2000-596

Dear Secretary Roberts:

Enclosed for filing in the above-captioned matter please find an original and eight copies of a Motion for Rehearing or Reconsideration.

If you have any questions, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

LATHROP & GAGE L.C.

Paul S. DeFord

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cc: All Parties of Record

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## BEFORE THE MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI



RAY AND JANET HEATON	) Service Commission
Complainants,	) Case No. TC-2000-596
<b>v.</b>	)
SOUTHWESTERN BELL, AT&T,	)
AND CONNECT ONE INTERNET SERVICE,	)
	)
Respondents.	)

## MOTION FOR REHEARING OR RECONSIDERATION

COMES NOW AT&T Communications of the Southwest, Inc. ("AT&T") and for its Motion for Rehearing or Reconsideration states as follows:

- 1. On May 18, 2000 the Commission issued its Order Regarding Motion to Dismiss as to Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, Finding Default, and Setting a Prehearing Conference in the above-captioned matter. Therein the Commission found that neither Southwestern Bell nor AT&T had timely filed an Answer to the Complaint. The Commission also noted that AT&T filed a pleading denying it had improperly treated Complainants' calls as toll calls and assessing toll charges. AT&T further asserted an affirmative defense and expressed its willingness to remove toll charges from Complainants' bills that should have been treated as local calls.
- 2. AT&T did not entitle its April 25, 2000 filing as an "Answer." AT&T's intent, however, was for that pleading to serve as its Answer to the Complaint.
- 3. AT&T's April 25, 2000 filing fully responded to the pending Complaint and further set forth AT&T's affirmative defense. The Commission has scheduled a prehearing conference in

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this matter for the purpose of allowing the parties to discuss settlement. Based upon a review of the pleadings, AT&T believes a settlement of all issues is likely.

WHEREFORE, AT&T Communications of the Southwest, Inc. respectfully requests the Commission grant this Motion for Rehearing or Reconsideration and set aside its Order finding AT&T in default pursuant to 4 CSR-2.070(9) and grant any further or additional relief as the Commission deems just and proper.

Respectfully submitted,

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a copy of the above and foregoing was served upon the following persons by depositing a true copy thereof in the United States mail, postage prepaid, this 30th day of May, 2000.

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