BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Determination of Prices,)	Case No. TO-2001-438
Terms, and Conditions of Certain Unbundled)	
Network Elements.)	

SBC MISSOURI'S RESPONSE TO JOINT SPONSORS' COMMENTS AND SECOND REVISED COMPLIANCE RATE FILING

SBC Missouri¹, pursuant to the Missouri Public Service Commission's March 24, 2003

Order Establishing Procedural Schedule for Submission of Revised Rates, respectfully submits

(1) a Response to the Joint Sponsors' May 16, 2003 Comments concerning SBC Missouri's first compliance rate filing, and (2) SBC Missouri's second revised compliance rate filing.

In their May 16, 2003 Comments, Joint Sponsors indicated that with the exception of two rates, the Joint Sponsors do not object to any of SBC Missouri's revised compliance rates. With respect to two rates, however, Joint Sponsors indicated that they believe that there may be some confusion whether the rates correctly reflect the parties' settlement of their original dispute over proper implementation of the Commission's decision on Issue 158. The affected rates are the recurring installation rates for the two-wire and four-wire dedicated transport cross-connect elements.³

Upon further review and informal discussions with Joint Sponsors' counsel, SBC Missouri concurs that the recurring installation rates for the two-wire and four-wire dedicated transport cross-connect elements do not fully reflect the resolution reached by SBC Missouri and

¹ Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P., d/b/a SBC Missouri, will be referred to in this pleading as "SBC Missouri" or "SBC"

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AT&T Communications of the Southwest, Inc. MCImetro Access Transmission Services, LLC, Brooks Fiber Communications of Missouri, Inc., MCI WorldCom Communications, Inc., Birch Telecom of Missouri, Inc., XO Missouri, Inc., NuVox Communications of Missouri, Inc., McLeodUSA Telecommunications, Inc., TCG Kansas City, Inc., and TCG St. Louis, Inc. (collectively "Joint Sponsors").

³ Joint Sponsors Comments, pp. 1-2.

the Joint Sponsors with respect to these two elements. SBC Missouri has revised these two rates and incorporated them into a revised compliance rate schedule.⁴ These rates are being presented to comply with the Commission's determinations in its August 6, 2002 Report and Order, and incorporate resolutions reached by SBC Missouri and the Joint Sponsors⁵ of the issues the Joint Sponsors raised with respect to whether certain rates SBC Missouri previously submitted complied with the Commission's order.

Respectfully submitted,

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⁴ The revised final rates are appended as Second Revised Attachment 1.

⁵ SBC Missouri and the Joint Sponsors resolved all of the compliance cost study issues raised by the Joint Sponsors as a settlement limited to this particular case, under which neither party concedes its position or is otherwise prejudiced from asserting its position in another proceeding. The parties' resolution of these issues is contingent on their being accepted strictly as settlements to avoid further on those issues and is not reflective of any substantive position. See, e.g., the parties' jointly filed List of Remaining Issues, filed February 21, 2003 in Case No. TO-2001-438. Further, SBC Missouri reserves the right to seek rehearing/reconsideration on or to appeal certain determinations in the Commission's August 6, 2002 Report and Order that SBC Missouri challenged in Applications for Reconsideration and/or Rehearing filed previously and on May 30, 2003.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing document were served on the following parties by e-mail on May 30, 2003.

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