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Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge
Missouri Public Service Commission
P.O. Box 360
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TE-2000-706

Missouri Public
Service Commission

Re: In the Matter of the filing of Ellington Telephone Company's Annual Report

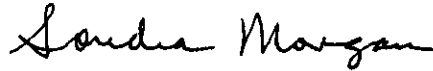
Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed please find the original plus fourteen (14) copies of Motion for Leave to File Annual Report Out of Time for filing on behalf of Ellington Telephone Company in the above referenced matter. A copy of the Annual Report is attached. Please bring this matter to the attention of the appropriate Commission personnel.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,

BRYDON, SWEARENGEN & ENGLAND P.C.

By: 
Sondra B. Morgan

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Enclosures

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
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Case No. TE-2000-706

**MOTION FOR LEAVE TO FILE
ANNUAL REPORT OUT OF TIME**

Comes now Ellington Telephone Company ("Ellington" or "Company") and for its Motion for Leave to File Annual Report Out-of-Time states to the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") as follows:

1. Pursuant to 4 CSR 240-10.080(1), all public utilities subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission shall file an annual report on or before April 15. Ellington is a telecommunications company subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission.

2. Since April 15 fell on a Saturday this year, Ellington's accountant assumed that the date for filing the annual report would be extended to the next business day which was Monday, April 17. Ellington's annual report was mailed on the 17th, however, the report was returned by the Commission as not being timely filed. Ellington respectfully requests that the Commission grant its Motion for Leave to File Annual Report Out-of-Time and accept the report for filing. No party should be prejudiced by the inadvertent delay.

Wherefore, Ellington respectfully requests that the Commission grant its Motion for Leave to File Annual Report Out of Time and accept the attached 1999 Annual Report for filing.

Respectfully submitted,

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Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing document was hand-delivered this 28th day of April, 2000 to:

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