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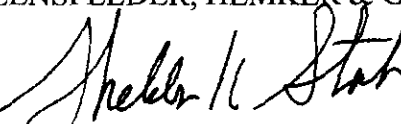
TA-2000-856

Dear Mr. Roberts,

Enclosed please find a set of an original and eight (8) copies of Northwestern Digital Company's Response To Order Directing Filing And Withdrawal Of Application. In addition, I have included two extra copies of the Response which I request be file stamped with one returned to our client and the other returned to me in the enclosed self-addressed envelopes.

Very truly yours,

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cc: Office of Public Counsel
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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
STATE OF MISSOURI

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In The Matter of the Application of)
Northwestern Digital Company for a)
Certificate of Service Authority to)
Provide Interexchange)
Telecommunications Services)

Case No. TA-2000-856

Missouri Public
Service Commission

**RESPONSE TO ORDER DIRECTING FILING
AND WITHDRAWAL OF APPLICATION**

On June 29, 2000, Northwestern Digital Company ("NDC") filed an application requesting the Commission grant it a certificate of service authority to provide interexchange telecommunications services within the State of Missouri and to classify the Company and its service as competitive.

By Order dated July 20, 2000, NDC was ordered to provide an additional filing complying with Commission Rules 4 CSR 240-2.060(1)(L) and 4 CSR 240-2.080(3),(11) and (14) no later than 4:00 p.m. on or before August 4, 2000. NDC no longer wishes to pursue said application and hereby withdraws its application from consideration by the Commission.

Dated: August 1, 2000

Respectfully submitted,



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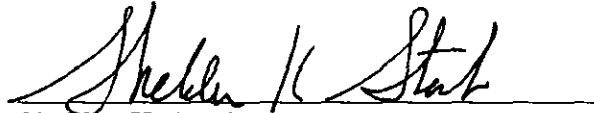
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I do hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document has been hand-delivered or mailed, postage prepaid, this 1st day of August, 2000 to:

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