

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

In the Matter of Level 3 Communications, LLC's)
Petition for Arbitration Pursuant to Section 252(b))
of the Communications Act of 1934, as Amended)
by the Telecommunications Act of 1996, and the) Case No. TO-2005-0166
Applicable State Laws for Rates, Terms, and)
Conditions of Interconnection with Southwestern)
Bell Telephone Company, L.P. d/b/a SBC Missouri)

**LEVEL 3 COMMUNICATIONS, L.L.C. AND SOUTHWESTERN BELL
TELEPHONE, L.P., D/B/A SBC MISSOURI'S
JOINT PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

Comes now Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P., d/b/a SBC Missouri ("SBC Missouri"), on behalf of itself and Level 3 Communications, L.L.C. ("Level 3"), and for their Joint Proposed Procedural Schedule, state as follows:

1. On January 7, 2005, the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") issued a Notice Regarding the Filing of a Proposed Procedural Schedule ("Notice"), in which the parties were instructed to submit a proposed Procedural Schedule by January 11, 2005.

2. Pursuant to the Notice, SBC and Level 3 have pursued the development of a Joint Proposed Procedural Schedule for this matter. However, disagreement exists concerning the date for filing SBC's Testimony and whether both parties should be allowed to file two rounds of testimony. These disagreements are reflected below, and are discussed and argued in separate pleadings being filed by each party concurrently. Other than those specific areas of disagreement, Level 3 and SBC have agreed to the remainder of the procedural schedule. Subject to those disagreements, the parties suggest the following Procedural Schedule to the Arbitrator and to the Commission:

Testimony on Behalf of SBC Missouri

Level 3 Proposed Date (Direct and Rebuttal Testimony) January 17, 2005

SBC Proposed Date (Direct Testimony) January 28, 2005

Rebuttal Testimony

Level 3 Proposal - on Behalf of Level 3 only February 10, 2005

SBC Proposal - on Behalf of Level 3 and SBC Missouri February 10, 2005¹

Order of Witnesses and Final DPL February 11, 2005

Evidentiary Hearing February 16-17, 2005
(February 18, 2005, if necessary)

Initial Briefs of Level 3 and SBC Missouri February 25, 2005

Reply Briefs of Level 3 and SBC Missouri March 1, 2005

Draft Arbitrator's Report to Level 3 and SBC Missouri March 4, 2005

Comments on Arbitrator's Draft Report March 11, 2005

Arbitrator's Final Report March 18, 2005

Comments on Arbitrator's Final Report March 25, 2005

Oral Argument before the Commission March 30, 2005

Commission Decision April 6, 2005

Wherefore, the parties pray that the Arbitrator and/or the Commission grant the Proposed Procedural Schedule, and decide the two contested elements thereof, together with any additional relief the Arbitrator and/or the Commission deems just and proper.

¹ Alternatively, for the reasons described in SBC Missouri's Comments Regarding the Joint Proposed Procedural Schedule, SBC Missouri proposes that neither party file a second round of testimony.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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