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Secretary of the Commission Missouri Public Service Commission 200 Madison, Suite 100 St. Louis, Missouri 65101

Via Courier

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Re:

Case No.

TT-2003-0093

Dear Secretary of the Commission:

Enclosed please find for filing with your office an original and nine (9) copies each of the following documents on behalf of MCI WorldCom Communications, Inc., Brooks Fiber Communications of Missouri, Inc. and MCImetro Access Transmission Services, LLC:

- 1. Concurrence of WorldCom with Staff's Motion to Suspend and/or Reject SWBT's Tariff
- 2. Application to Intervene
- 3. Petition for Entry of Appearance of Stephen F. Morris and Patricia Ana Escobedo

Upon your receipt, please file stamp the extra copies received and return to the undersigned in the enclosed, self-addressed, stamped envelope. If you have any questions, please contact us. Thank you.

CJL:dn Enclosure

cc. Parties of Record (W/Enclosure)

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BEFORE THE MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

		Service Souri	D,
In the matter of Southwestern Bell)	Service Con	missia
Telephone Company's Tariff Filing to)	Case No. TT-2003-0093	G.ON
Initiate Residential Customer Promotion.)	Tariff File: 2003000117	

CONCURRENCE OF WORLDCOM WITH STAFF'S MOTION TO SUSPEND AND REJECT SWBT TARIFF

COME NOW McImetro Access Transmission Services, LLC; Brooks Fiber Communications of Missouri, Inc.; and McI WorldCom Communications, Inc. (collectively WorldCom) and for their concurrence with the September 6, 2002, Motion to Suspend and Reject Tariff Filing of the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission state to the Commission:

- 1. Staff notes that its discussions with officials of Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (SWBT) indicate SWBT does not intend to offer the Metropolitan Calling Area (MCA) promotion¹ to all customers. Staff further explains that the first of two issues² raised by the MCA promotion currently is under consideration in Case No. TT-2002-472, et al.³, and "Staff is concerned ... SWBT is attempting to legitimize its attempts to winback CLEC customers" by camouflaging a winback promotion as something else.⁴
- 2. WorldCom agrees with Staff's assessment. SWBT's instant filing attempts an end run on the winback proceedings, Case Nos. TT-2002-472 and TT-2002-473. Like Case TT-2002-472, et al., the MCA promotion will apparently be offered solely to customers who do not currently

¹ SWBT's August 16, 2002, filing proposes 11th Revised Sheet 1 to its Local Exchange Tariff Appendix P.S.C. Mo. No. 24. The promotion is intended to run from September 16, 2002, through September 15, 2003, and is directed at residential customers who subscribe to flat rate access line or additional line and MCA 3,4, and 5 and the vertical features of Caller ID Name and Number or Speed Call 8. The bundle is priced at a monthly rate of \$30.00. Cancellation before the 12-month term causes the price to revert to normal pricing.

² The second issue is the pricing of the MCA plan which is in dispute in Case No. TT-2002-447, In the Matter of the Tariff Filing of Sprint Missouri, Inc. d/b/a Sprint to Increase the Residential and Business Monthly Rate for the Metropolitan Calling Area (MCA) Plan. WorldCom is not a party to that case.

³ In the Matter of Southwestern Bell Telephone Company's Tariff to Initiate Residential Customer Winback Promotion and In the Matter of Southwestern Bell Telephone Company's Tariff Filing to Extend Business Customer Winback Promotions

⁴ Motion to Suspend and Reject Tariff Filing at 2, ¶ 3.

take service from SWBT, i.e., customers of competitive local exchange carriers (CLECs). In Case Nos. TT-2002-472 and TT-2002-473, the Commission is committed to again determining – within the very near future⁵ — whether winback promotions directed solely at the customers of CLECs are anticompetitive, adversely affect the health of the local service market, and are consistent with Missouri's statutory requirements.⁶ The outcomes in the latest winback cases may affect the rates, terms, and conditions by which SWBT can conduct winback promotions, including the MCA promotions, against Missouri CLECs and CLEC customers. SWBT should not be permitted to engage in an end run on the Commission's rulings regarding winback promotions.

3. The Commission is authorized to suspend this tariff filing and to conduct a hearing to determine the propriety of the MCA promotion by Section 392.230 RSMo 2000.

WHEREFORE, WorldCom requests the Commission to establish a case for SWBT's Tariff File No. 200300117, pursuant to Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.065, to suspend the operation of the MCA tariff filing, to set the matter for hearing, to find this tariff is unlawful and unreasonable, and to reject the tariff filing.

Respectfully submitted,

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⁵ Case TT-2002-472, et al., go to hearing on September 24-25, 2002.

⁶ The Commission already made this determination less than a year ago in Case No. TT-2002-108.

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