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The Honorable Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge
Missouri Public Service Commission
301 West High Street, Floor 5A
Jefferson City, Missouri 65101

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Missouri Public
Service Commission

Re: Case No. TO-2000-322

Dear Judge Roberts:

Enclosed for filing with the Commission in the above-referenced case is an original and 14 copies of Southwestern Bell Telephone Company's Reasons for Classification of Direct Testimony Filed on January 7, 2000.

Please stamp "Filed" on the extra copy and return the copy to me in the enclosed self-addressed, stamped envelope.

Thank you for bringing this matter to the attention of the Commission.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mimi B. MacDonald".

Mimi B. MacDonald

Enclosure

cc: Attorneys of Record

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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In the Matter of the Petition of DIECA)
Communications, Inc. d/b/a Covad)
Communications Company for Arbitration)
of Interconnection Rates, Terms, Conditions)
and Related Arrangements with Southwestern)
Bell Telephone Company.)

Case No. TO-2000-322

**SOUTHWESTERN BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY'S RESPONSE
REASONS FOR CLASSIFICATION OF
DIRECT TESTIMONY FILED ON January 7, 2000**

Southwestern Bell Telephone Company classified Schedules 2 through 6 of the Direct Testimony of James R. Smallwood as Highly Confidential. Southwestern Bell classified this information as Highly Confidential for the following reasons:

1. Schedule 2 summarizes the recurring and nonrecurring cost results associated with providing an unbundled shielded cross connect to COVAD.
2. Schedule 3 summarizes the nonrecurring costs associated with providing loop qualification to COVAD.
3. Schedule 4 summarizes the nonrecurring costs associated with providing loop conditioning to COVAD.
4. Schedule 5 summarizes the nonrecurring and recurring costs associated with providing the ISDN loop as determined by the Commission in TO-97-40.
5. Schedule 6 summarizes the recurring and nonrecurring cost results associated with providing unbundled, non-shielded cross connects to COVAD as determined by the Commission in TO-97-40.
6. Schedules 2 through 6 are Highly Confidential as that term is defined in Section A of the Commission's Protective Order that was issued on November 29, 1999, in that Schedules

2 through 6 contain cost analysis or other market-specific information relating to services offered in competition with others. Disclosure of such information would assist competitors in developing competing pricing strategies.

7. Thus, Schedules 2 through 6 have been properly classified as Highly Confidential.

8. Southwestern Bell Telephone Company files its Response, Reasons for Classification of Direct Testimony filed on January 7, 2000, thereby complying with Section I of the Commission's Protective Order that was issued on November 29, 1999. Section I requires the party asserting that the information is Highly Confidential to file, within five (5) days of the filing of the designated testimony to file with the Commission the specific ground or grounds for each claim. This simultaneous filing conforms with these requirements.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing document were served to all parties on the Service List by e-mail overnight delivery on January 7, 2000.


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