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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, MO 65101

Re: Case No. TO-98-115

Dear Judge Roberts:

Enclosed for filing with the Commission in the above-referenced case are an original and fourteen (14) copies of Southwestern Bell Telephone Company's Reply to Comments of AT&T Re: Proposed Briefing Schedule.

Also enclosed is an additional copy to be file stamped and returned to us in the enclosed self-addressed, stamped envelope.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "K. Swaller", written in dark ink.

Katherine C. Swaller

Enclosures

cc: Parties of Record

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

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In the Matter of AT&T Communications of the )  
Southwest, Inc.'s Petition for Second Compulsory )  
Arbitration Pursuant to Section 252(b) of the )  
Telecommunications Act of 1996 to Establish an )  
Interconnection Agreement with Southwestern Bell )  
Telephone Company. )

Case No. TO-98-115

**REPLY OF SOUTHWESTERN BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY  
TO COMMENTS OF AT&T RE: PROPOSED BRIEFING SCHEDULE**

COMES NOW Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (Southwestern Bell) and  
for its Reply to Suggestions Regarding Proposed Briefing Schedule states as follows:

1. Southwestern Bell is interested in obtaining an expeditious briefing schedule given the extensive time period that has passed since the hearings in this case (the hearings were completed on September 4, 1998), but is flexible with regard to the specific dates to be ordered.
2. The tone of AT&T's response is surprising since counsel for Southwestern Bell talked to counsel for AT&T on two occasions prior to filing the Motion to Establish Briefing Schedule to determine whether the proposed schedule would be acceptable and if not what type of schedule would work for AT&T. AT&T's counsel indicated that the proposed dates seemed reasonable, but that he needed to consult with his client before agreeing. Southwestern Bell promised to hold off for a few days before filing the proposed motion so that AT&T could provide its input. Although SWBT waited for nearly a week, the requested input was never received.
3. It is somewhat ironic that AT&T seeks to portray Southwestern Bell as unreasonable in seeking a briefing schedule to resolve issues that AT&T chose to


arbitrate. If AT&T was serious about local competition in Missouri, it would also want those matters resolved.

4. Southwestern Bell is also confused by AT&T's statements about the burden of having to prepare a brief prior to a ruling on Southwestern Bell's Motion to Strike. The issues about which AT&T complains, and which the Parties will need to be briefed if the Motion to Strike is not ruled upon, are issues raised by AT&T.

WHEREFORE, Southwestern Bell urges the Commission to issue an order setting an expeditious briefing schedule.

Respectfully submitted,

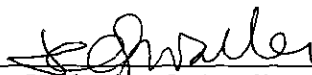
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing document were served on the following parties by first-class postage prepaid, U.S. Mail on December 23, 1998.



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