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FILE NO. 3332800-2

November 7, 1988

Mr. Harvey G. Hubbs
Secretary
Missouri Public Service Commission
P.O. Box 360
Jefferson City, MO 65102

Re: Case No. TA-88-218

Dear Mr. Hubbs:

Please find enclosed for filing the original and 14 copies of the Response of American Operator Services, Inc. to Teleconnect's Motion to Remove Tariff Suspension. By copy of this letter, I have mailed a copy of the enclosed to all parties of record.

Very truly yours,



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Enclosures
cc: All Parties of Record

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the matter of the application)
of American Operator Services, Inc.)
for a certificate of service) Case No. TA-88-218
authority to provide Intrastate)
Operator-Assisted Resold)
Telecommunications Services.)

RESPONSE OF AMERICAN OPERATOR SERVICES, INC.
TO TELECONNECT'S MOTION TO REMOVE TARIFF SUSPENSION

Comes now American Operator Services, Inc., doing business as National Telephone Services ("NTS"), and in response to the motion of Teleconnect, Inc. to remove the suspension of its proposed operator services tariff, states the following:

The sole ground cited by Teleconnect in support of its motion is that Public Counsel has removed its objection to Teleconnect's provision of operator services. However, Teleconnect fails to mention that several terms of Teleconnect's proposed provision of operator services were questioned at the hearing, including, for example, its failure to include its name on local exchange company bills to end users and a proposed hospitality service which would intentionally mislead callers as to carrier identification.

Several additional considerations militate against granting Teleconnect the substantial competitive advantage of obtaining authority to provide operator services in Missouri before any other competitive operator service provider. Teleconnect would obtain an insurmountable competitive

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advantage in the upcoming presubscription of Bell-owned pay telephones (currently slated to begin on January 1, 1989). Teleconnect would obtain a lead in the marketing of competitive operator services to hotels, motels, and other "0" traffic aggregators in Missouri. Finally, the efficiency and reliability of Teleconnect's network has yet to be established to the Commission, particularly as it relates to Teleconnect's ability to provide operator services.

In short, NTS requests nothing more than equitable treatment vis-a-vis other operator services providers. At this time, there is no reason to grant Teleconnect the huge competitive advantage it seeks through the subject motion.


WHEREFORE, NTS respectfully requests that the Commission deny Teleconnect's motion to remove the suspension of its proposed operator services tariff.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was mailed, United States mail, postage prepaid to All Parties of Record, this 8th day of November, 1988.