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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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DEC 22 2000  
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Service Commission

Re: **Case No. TO-2000-322**

Dear Judge Roberts:

Enclosed for filing with the Missouri Public Service Commission in the above-referenced case are an original and eight copies of Southwestern Bell Telephone Company's Reply To The Staff Of The Missouri Public Service Commission's Response To Notice Of Settlement.

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

Very truly yours,

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Enclosure

cc: Attorneys of Record

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BEFORE THE MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION DEC 22 2000

Missouri Public  
Service Commission

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**  
**REPLY TO THE STAFF OF THE MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION'S**  
**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF SETTLEMENT**

Comes now Southwestern Bell Telephone Company ("SWBT") and, for its Reply to the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission's ("Staff's") Response to Notice of Settlement, states as follows:

1. On December 12, 2000, DIECA Communications, Inc., d/b/a Covad Communications Company ("Covad"), and SWBT filed their Notice of Settlement Without Prejudice Of DIECA Communications, Inc., d/b/a Covad Communications Company and Southwestern Bell Telephone Company ("Notice of Settlement").

2. On December 20, 2000, Staff filed its Response to Notice of Settlement ("Response"). In that Response, Staff requests the Commission to keep this case open for the receipt of cost studies and confidential quarterly monitoring reports from SWBT.

3. As indicated in the Notice of Settlement, Covad and SWBT have resolved or agreed to procedures to resolve all issues in this docket. Since Covad and SWBT have settled all issues raised in Covad's Petition for Arbitration of Interconnection Rates, Terms, Conditions, and related arrangements, it is inappropriate to maintain the existing case. Rather, it would be

appropriate for the Commission to open a new case to review SWBT's cost study materials and to receive SWBT's confidential monitoring reports.

WHEREFORE, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company respectfully requests this Commission to close this case and to open a new case to review Southwestern Bell Telephone Company's cost study materials and to receive Southwestern Bell Telephone Company's confidential monitoring reports.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing document were served by U.S. mail or hand-delivered to all parties on the Service List on December 22, 2000.

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