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Missouri Public  
Service Commission

The Honorable Dale Hardy Roberts  
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge  
Missouri Public Service Commission  
200 Madison Street, Suite 100  
Jefferson City, Missouri 65101

Re: Case No.: TO-2002-185

Dear Judge Roberts:

Enclosed for filing with the Commission in the above-referenced case is an original and eight copies of Southwestern Bell Telephone Company's, Southwestern Bell Texas, Inc.'s, and Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P.'s d/b/a Southwestern Bell Telephone Company's Motion for Expedited Treatment Regarding Adoption Notices.

Please stamp "Filed" on the extra copy and return it to Southwestern Bell Telephone Company.

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 PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of )  
Southwestern Bell Telephone Company )  
To Transfer Property and Ownership of )  
Stock Pursuant to Section 392.300, R.S.Mo. )

Case No. TO-2002-185 Missouri Public  
Service Commission

**SOUTHWESTERN BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY'S, SOUTHWESTERN  
BELL TEXAS, INC.'S, AND SOUTHWESTERN BELL TELEPHONE, L.P.'S  
D/B/A SOUTHWESTERN BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY'S MOTION FOR  
EXPEDITED TREATMENT REGARDING ADOPTION NOTICES**

COMES NOW, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, Southwestern Bell Texas, Inc., and Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P., d/b/a Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, and for their Motion for Expedited Treatment Regarding Adoption Notices, state as follows:

1. On October 12, 2001, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company ("SWBT"), Southwestern Bell Texas, Inc. ("SWBT Texas"), and Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, L.P., d/b/a Southwestern Bell Telephone Company ("SWBT, L.P."), (collectively referred to as "Joint Applicants") filed their Joint Application for Order Permitting Corporate Restructuring Pursuant to Section 392.300, R.S.Mo., 4 CSR 240-2.060(1) and 4 CSR 240-2.060(8) ("Joint Application"), seeking approval from the Missouri Public Service Commission ("the Commission") to convert SWBT, through a series of transactions, from a Missouri corporation to a Texas limited partnership in order to achieve an overall tax savings.

2. On December 20, 2001, the Commission granted the Joint Application in its Order Approving Reorganization ("Order"). In its Order, the Commission requested Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, L.P., d/b/a Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, to file an adoption notice and revised title sheets along with evidence of

registration of its fictitious name with the Missouri Secretary of State no later than January 18, 2002.

3. Joint Applicants seek to file SWBT, L.P.'s Adoption Notice and Revised Title Sheets with an effective date of December 30, 2001, in order to ensure that SWBT, L.P. has a tariff in effect on the date that it begins to provide telecommunications services to Missouri customers. Joint Applicants, therefore, have filed this Motion for Expedited Treatment Regarding Adoption Notices, and have attached their letter from Craig Unruh to The Honorable Dale Hardy Roberts, dated December 21, 2001, enclosing the revised tariff sheets.

4. Joint Applicants respectfully request the Commission to approve SWBT, L.P.'s Adoption Notices no later than December 30, 2001, the date that SWBT, L.P. will begin providing telecommunications to Missouri customers.

5. Joint Applicants filed their Motion for Expedited Treatment Regarding Adoption Notices as soon as possible after the Commission issued its Order.

6. Joint Applicants note that they anticipate filing evidence of the registration of SWBT, L.P.'s fictitious name with the Missouri Secretary of State prior to December 30, 2001.

WHEREFORE, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, Southwestern Bell Texas, Inc., and Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, respectfully requests that the Commission grant their Motion for Expedited Treatment Regarding Adoption Notices, and approve their adoption notices with an effective date of December 30, 2001, thereby ensuring that Southwestern Bell Telephone,

L.P. has a tariff in effect on the date it begins to provide telecommunications services to Missouri customers.

Respectfully submitted,

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