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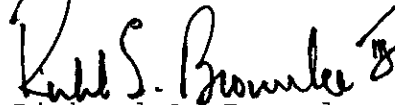
Re: Application of Southwestern Bell Telephone Company to
Provide Notice of Intent to File an Application for
Authorization to Provide In-Region InterLATA Services
Originating in Missouri Pursuant to Section 271 of the
Telecommunications Act of 1966 - Case No. TO-99-227

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed please find for filing on behalf of e. spire
Communications, Inc., formerly American Communications Services,
Inc., and ACSI Local Switched Services, Inc. the original plus 14
copies of its Application to Intervene in the above-captioned
matter.

Very truly yours,

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Richard S. Brownlee, III

RSB/s

Enclosures

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
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Pursuant to Section 271 of the)
Telecommunications Act of 1966.)

APPLICATION TO INTERVENE

Comes now e. spire Communications, Inc., formerly American Communications Services, Inc. "ACSI," by Hendren and Andrae, L.L.C., Richard S. Brownlee, III and for its Application to Intervene states as follows:

1. e. spire Communications, Inc., formerly American Communications Services, Inc., (ACSI,) is a Maryland corporation, with its principal office and place of business located at 133 National Business Parkway, Suite 200, Annapolis Junction, Maryland 20701. e. spire Communications, Inc. is the parent company of two wholly-owned subsidiaries operating in Missouri, American Communication Services of Kansas City, Inc., and ACSI Local Switched Services, Inc. American Communication Services of Kansas City, Inc. is a provider of basic local services within the State of Missouri. ACSI Local Switched Service, Inc. is a provider of dedicated, nonswitched local exchange private line telecommunications services and intrastate interexchange telecommunications services in the State of Missouri.

2. In Case No. TA-96-455, the Commission's Report and Order, dated March 19, 1997, granted American Communications

Services of Kansas City, Inc. a certificate of authority to provide basic local telecommunications services.

3. In Case No. TA-98-57, the Commission's Report and Order, dated September 25, 1997, granted ACSI Local Switched Services, Inc. a certificate of authority to provide intrastate interexchange telecommunications services in the State of Missouri limited to providing dedicated, nonswitched local exchange private line services.

4. Copies of all notices, orders and correspondence in this proceeding should be mailed to the attorney for applicant at the following address:

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5. As a provider of its authorized competitive telecommunications services, e. spire Communications, Inc. operating as American Communications Services of Kansas City, Inc. and ACSI Local Switched Services, Inc., will be affected by the action taken in this proceeding, and has a direct competitive interest which is different from the interests of the general public.

6. The granting of this application will not unduly burden these proceedings. It will, however, facilitate the reasoned resolution by the Commission of the issues presented.

WHEREFORE, e. spire Communications, Inc. prays an order allowing its intervention in the above captioned matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true copy of the foregoing was mailed, postage prepaid, this 21st day of December, 1998 to:

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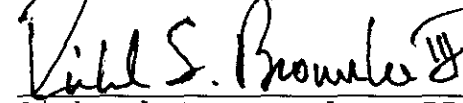
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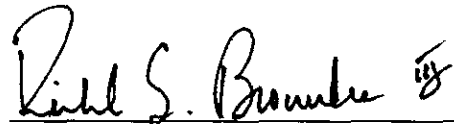


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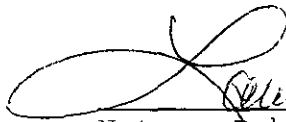
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COUNTY OF COLE)

I, Richard S. Brownlee, III, being first duly sworn, do hereby certify, depose and state that I am the attorney for e. spire Communications, Inc. which seeks intervention in the above-captioned proceeding before the Missouri Public Service Commission; that I have read the above and foregoing Application to Intervene and the allegations therein contained are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, and I further state that I am authorized to verify the foregoing application by the above said applicant.



Richard S. Brownlee, III

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a Notary Public, this 21th day of December, 1998.



Notary Public


LAURA J. STRATMAN, NOTARY PUBLIC
STATE OF MISSOURI

My commission expires September 13, 1999
COMMISSIONED FOR MARIES COUNTY

My Commission Expires:

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