BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION STATE OF MISSOURI

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In the Matter of the Application of
TELCOVE OPERATIONS, INC.
For Approval of an Interconnection Agreement Under the Telecommunications Act of 1996

Case No. TK-2006-0296

RESPONSE TO ORDER DIRECTING FILING

COMES NOW TelCove Operations, Inc. ("TelCove") by its undersigned counsel and hereby submits its Response to Order Directing Filing.

1. On February 22, 2006, the Commission issued its Order Directing Filing. The Commission states therein that "Although the Application in this case was filed on January 12, 2006, no reference was made to Southwestern Bell's current d/b/a AT&T Missouri. In order for the Commission's records to be clear, the Applicant will be directed to clarify for the Commission's record the name of the entity with which it has negotiated an interconnection agreement."

2. TelCove Operations, Inc. and Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. negotiated and entered into an interconnection agreement which is the subject of this case. Subsequent to TelCove's execution of the Agreement, Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. changed the fictitious name under which it conducts business in Missouri. The entities that are party to the subject Interconnection Agreement remain the same despite the change of fictitious name. To the extent the Commission believes it necessary to clarify its records, it may take official notice that Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. has duly registered the business name "AT&T Missouri" with the Missouri Secretary of State. WHEREFORE, having fully responded to the Order Directing Filing, TelCove Operations, Inc. respectfully renews its request that the Commission approve its Interconnection Agreement with Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. now d/b/a AT&T Missouri.

Respectfully submitted,

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<u>CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</u>

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing Response to Order Directing Filing has been served electronically on this 28th day of February, 2006 to:

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