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Missouri Public Service Commission

Attn: Secretary of the Commission

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Missouri Public
Service Commission

RE: Case No. TA-2002-367


Application of The Phone Connection, Inc., dba Affordable Phone Company for
Authority to Provide Basic Local Telecommunications Services

Dear Secretary:

Enclosed please find an original and five copies of Applicant's Status Report for
filing with the Commission on behalf of The Phone Connection, Inc., dba Affordable Phone
Company.

Thank you for assistance in the processing this filing. Copies are being served on
the Commission's General Counsel and Office of the Public Counsel. Please contact me
at 634-8109 if there are any questions.

Sincerely,



Mary Ann (Gar) Young

Enclosure

cc: General Counsel
Office of the Public Counsel
Don Beckwith

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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In the Matter of the Application of)
The Phone Connection, Inc.)
dba Affordable Phone Company)
for a certificate of service authority to)
provide Basic Local Telecommunications)
Service in portions of the State of)
Missouri and for competitive classification)

Case No. TA-2002-367

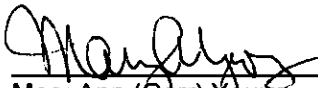
STATUS REPORT

COMES NOW The Phone Connection, Inc. dba Affordable Phone Company (Affordable), Applicant herein, by its undersigned counsel, and for its Status Report in response to the Commission's ORDER DIRECTING FILING OF STATUS REPORT issued September 5, 2002, respectfully states as follows:

Affordable was granted a certificate of service authority in this case by Order issued July 2, 2002, and was authorized to receive transfer of the assets of Payroll Advance, Inc., including customers, in Case No. TM-2002-368 on that same date. Affordable is in the process of negotiating resale agreements with *incumbent local exchange companies in Payroll Advance's service area*. Affordable will complete the negotiations and file those agreements and Affordable's tariff for Commission approval as soon as possible.

WHEREFORE, Applicant respectfully submits this Status Report.

Respectfully submitted,



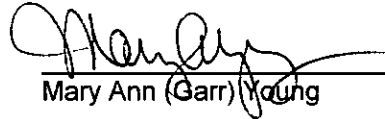
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DBA AFFORDABLE PHONE COMPANY

Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that a copy of this document has been hand delivered or mailed by first class mail, postage prepaid, to the Office of the General Counsel of the Missouri Public Service Commission, and to the Office of Public Counsel, on this 9th day of October 2002.


Mary Ann (Garr) Young