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**RE: Case No. TO-2000-374**

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed for filing in the above-captioned case are an original and eight (8) conformed copies of the **STAFF'S REPORT ON STATE NUMBER POOLING**.

This filing has been mailed or hand-delivered this date to all counsel of record.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,

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**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

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*Missouri Public  
Service Commission*

In the Matter of the Petition of the North )  
American Numbering Plan Administrator, )  
on behalf of the Missouri )  
Telecommunications Industry, for )  
Approval of NPA Relief Plan for the 314 )  
and 816 Area Codes. )

Case No. TO-2000-374

**STAFF'S REPORT ON STATE NUMBER POOLING**

COMES NOW the Staff ("Staff") of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") and submits the following report:

1. The Report and Order in this case asks for periodic status updates on national number pooling and efforts toward pooling in Missouri with a final report due by February 21, 2001.

2. The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) issued a Solicitation for Bid for the National Pooling Administrator on December 8, 2000. The Staff has received and reviewed a copy of this Solicitation. Financials and Questions and Answers were due December 18, 2000. In the original Solicitation, a closing date for sealed offers was established as January 8, 2001 at 2:00 p.m. This was later extended until January 31, 2001. The projected contract period for the Solicitation was February 1, 2001 through January 31, 2002. Although it is unknown how long the FCC has allowed to review any sealed offers, the FCC originally projected that the National Pooling Administrator would be selected by late February to early March. It appears that the FCC is only a few weeks behind its original schedule.

3. Further, the FCC has yet to rule on Missouri's petition to transfer state number pooling authority from the 314 NPA to the 816 NPA. In a recent order granting conditional authority for similar requests from Louisiana, Maryland, Massachusetts and New Jersey, the FCC stated, "In the *Numbering Resource Optimization First Report and Order*, the FCC concluded that the national thousands-block number pooling rollout would first include NPAs that are pooled or scheduled to be pooled by state commissions. Thus, . . . NPAs that are pooled or slated to be pooled should be scheduled for transition early in the national pooling rollout schedule." *In the Matter of Numbering Resource Optimization*, CC Docket No. 99-200, et al., Order adopted February 13, 2001, Paragraph 24. With national pooling anticipated in the near future, it appears that the FCC may issue orders granting interim pooling authority to states in an effort to establish prioritization of those NPAs in need.

4. Therefore, Staff recommends that the Missouri Public Service Commission, in anticipation of the FCC's procurement of a National Pooling Administrator, not take any action toward obtaining a State Pooling Administrator at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

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