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RE: Case No. TO-2000-322

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed for filing in the above-captioned case are an original and eight (8) conformed copies of the **STAFF'S RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF SETTLEMENT**.

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 DIECA)
Communications, Inc. d/b/a Covad)
Communications Company for Arbitration)
of Interconnection Rates, Terms,)
Conditions and Related Arrangements)
with Southwestern Bell Telephone)
Company.)

Case No. TO-2000-322

STAFF'S RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF SETTLEMENT

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Staff") and for its response states:

1. On March 23, 2000, the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) issued an Arbitration Order setting forth its decision resolving disputes between DIECA Communications, Inc. d/b/a Covad Communications Company (Covad) and Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (SWBT) concerning terms for interconnection. The Arbitration Order directed SWBT to perform new loop conditioning cost studies, new ISDN loop cost studies, and new shielded and non-shielded cross-connection cost studies. The cost studies are due on January 16, 2001. The Arbitration Order also directed SWBT to provide confidential quarterly monitoring reports.

2. On December 12, 2000, Covad and SWBT filed their Notice Of Settlement Without Prejudice Of DIECA Communications, Inc. d/b/a Covad Communications Company And Southwestern Bell Telephone Company. The Notice of Settlement announces that Covad and SWBT have either resolved or agreed to a procedure to resolve the issues raised in this docket. The Notice of Settlement requests that this case be closed. The Notice of Settlement


states that nothing in it is intended to change or affect SWBT's obligations to perform the cost studies and to submit the confidential quarterly monitoring reports.

3. The Staff requests the Commission to keep this case open for the receipt of the cost studies and confidential quarterly monitoring reports.

WHEREFORE, the Staff requests the Commission to deny the request of Covad and SWBT to close this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed or hand-delivered to all counsel of record as shown on the attached service list this 20th day of December, 2000.

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