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**Missouri Public
Service Commission**

Dale Hardy Roberts, Esq.
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge
Missouri Public Service Commission
Governor Office Building
200 Madison Street
Jefferson City, MO 65102

Re: Case No. TO-2004-0170

Dear Mr. Roberts:

The undersigned is counsel for St. John's Mercy Medical Center ("St. John's"), in connection with the Application of Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P., d/b/a SBC Missouri ("SBC") for additional numbering resources to be provided to St. John's to convert 3,500 present extensions to direct inward dialing numbers and to provide additional numbers for its immediate and future campus growth.

In connection with the filing of said Application by SBC, the Office of Public Counsel ("OPC") supported SBC's Application and request through a letter dated October 2, 2003, signed by Public Counsel Chief Economist, Barbara Meisenheimer, and attached to the SBC Application.

On October 28, 2003, the Commission issued its order granting the SBC Application for Additional Numbering Resources to be provided to St. John's. However, in its Order, the Commission stated:

"The Office of the Public Counsel, although a party to this case, has not participated or filed any pleadings."

Subsequently, the Office of Public Counsel filed with the Commission a Motion for Correction of Order and pointed out, among other things, that OPC had met with counsel for St. John's and, as a result of that meeting, the OPC provided the supportive letter to SBC for inclusion in its filing to demonstrate the positive public interest aspects for the request and to advise the

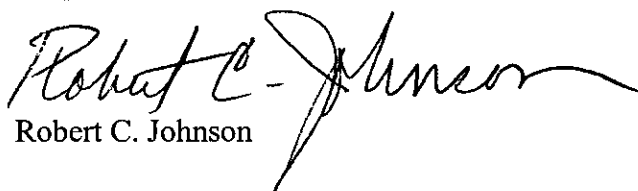
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Commission of its support and the reasons therefor. As noted previously, said statement was included in the SBC Application to expedite the process and avoid procedural delays.

Accordingly, St. John's strongly supports the Office of the Public Counsel's Motion for Correction of Order and requests that the Commission modify its Order as requested by Public Counsel. We further request that this letter be included with the case papers in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,


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