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Re: Case No. TO-2004-0207

**Missouri Public
Service Commission**

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed for filing on behalf of Mark Twain Communications Company, please find an original and eight (8) copies of a Motion for Leave to Withdraw.

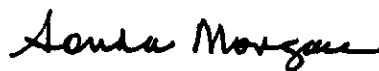
Would you please see that this filing is brought to the attention of the appropriate Commission personnel.

I thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

BRYDON, SWEARENGEN & ENGLAND P.C.

By:



Sondra B. Morgan

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Enclosure

cc: All Parties Record
Jim Lyon

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
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In the Matter of a Commission Inquiry)
into the Possibility of Impairment)
without Unbundled Local Circuit)
Switching When Serving the)
Mass Market.)

Case No. TO-2004-0207

MOTION FOR LEAVE TO WITHDRAW

Comes now Mark Twain Communications Company (MTCC) and for its Motion for Leave to Withdraw states to the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) as follows:

1. On November 5, 2003, the Commission issued its Order Creating Case and Establishing Initial Filing Deadlines in which it determined that a contested case was necessary to address the issues raised by the Federal Communication Commission's (FCC) Triennial Review Order. In this Order, the Commission made every certificated competitive local exchange carrier a party to the case.
2. MTCC was granted a certificate of service authority to provide competitive local exchange telecommunications service in Case No. TA-98-305, and its certificate of authority was expanded in Case No. TA-2002-446. MTCC provides facilities-based basic local telecommunications service in three (3) Spectra Communications Group, LLC d/b/a CenturyTel (CenturyTel) exchanges, Ewing, LaBelle and Lewiston. MTCC has an interconnection agreement with CenturyTel approved by the Commission in Case No. TO-98-410. MTCC does not, however, purchase any loop elements or switching services or resell any CenturyTel services

pursuant to its interconnection agreement with CenturyTel.¹

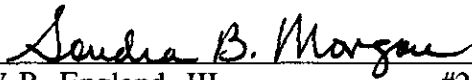
3. SBC Missouri and CenturyTel have challenged the finding of impairment for mass market switching, loops and transport in this proceeding. Although MTCC is a competing carrier for CenturyTel, as stated before, it does not purchase any loop elements or switching services or resell any CenturyTel services pursuant to its interconnection agreement with CenturyTel. Both SBC and CenturyTel have suggested to the Commission that the Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs) should be established as the appropriate geographic market areas for Missouri in this proceeding. None of MTCC's exchanges are part of any Missouri MSA.

4. Since MTCC does not purchase unbundled network elements (UNEs) from CenturyTel or any other incumbent local exchange company and its exchanges are not located within the proposed geographic markets, its participation in this case is not relevant to the issues to be decided by the Commission. Requiring MTCC to participate in this proceeding will be time-consuming, burdensome and costly. The company has already been served overly-broad data requests seeking highly confidential market sensitive and business sensitive information.

Wherefore, MTCC respectfully requests that it be allowed to withdraw from this proceeding.

¹MTCC's original interconnection agreement was with GTE Midwest Incorporated, and its current agreement is with Spectra Communications.

Respectfully submitted,

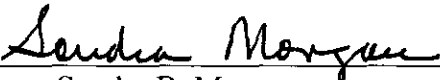


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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing document was sent by U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, or hand-delivered on this 12th day of December, 2003, to all parties of record.



Sondra B. Morgan