## STATE OF MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

At a session of the Public Service Commission held at its office in Jefferson City on the 25th day of August, 2005.

In the Matter of AT&T Communications of the Southwest, Inc.'s Proposed Tariff to Establish a Monthly Instate Connection Fee and Surcharge

<u>Case No. TT-2002-129, et al.</u>

## ORDER APPROVING UNANIMOUS PROCEDURAL STIPULATION AND ESTABLISHING BRIEFING SCHEDULE

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Issue Date: August 25, 2005

Effective Date: August 25, 2005

This consolidated case concerns objections raised by the Office of the Public Counsel to tariffs that AT&T Communications of the Southwest, Inc.; MCI WorldCom Communications, Inc., and Teleconnect Long Distance Services and Systems; and Sprint Communications Company, L.P. have used to collect monthly instate connection fees from their customers. In compliance with a previously established procedural schedule, the parties have submitted prefiled direct, rebuttal, and surrebuttal testimony.

On August 19, 2005, the parties filed a Unanimous Stipulation indicating their agreement that all prefiled testimony should be admitted into evidence. The parties further agree to waive their right to cross-examine the witnesses that have offered that testimony. Since they are waiving cross-examination, the parties agree that an evidentiary hearing will not be necessary, and that the Commission may decide the issues presented on the basis of the prefiled testimony, as well as the transcript and exhibits that were established in each

of the cases consolidated in this proceeding. The stipulation also sets out dates for the filing of initial and reply briefs, and proposed orders.

The Commission finds that the Unanimous Stipulation is reasonable, and that it should be approved.

## IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the Unanimous Stipulation filed on August 19, 2005, is approved and the

parties are ordered to comply with its provisions.

2. That the following briefing schedule is established:

**Initial Briefs** 

**Reply Briefs** 

October 20, 2005

September 20, 2005

Proposed Orders (with findings of fact and conclusions of law) October 31, 2005

3. That this order shall become effective on August 25, 2005.

BY THE COMMISSION

Colleen M. Dale Secretary

(SEAL)

Davis, Chm., Murray, Clayton and Appling, CC., concur Gaw, C., dissents

Woodruff, Senior Regulatory Law Judge