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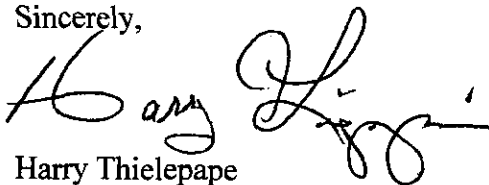
Mr. Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary / Chief Regulatory Law Judge
Missouri Public Service Commission
P.O. Box 360
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102

T.O-2000-467

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Please find the attached original and 14 copies of the Application for approval of the Interconnection Agreement between Missouri State Discount Telephone and Southwestern Bell Telephone.
If there are additional questions, please contact me at once.

Sincerely,



Harry Thielepape
President

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RESALE AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

SOUTHWESTERN BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY

AND

MISSOURI STATE DISCOUNT TELEPHONE

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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF]
SOUTHWESTERN BELL FOR APPROVAL]
OF INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT WITH]
MISSOURI STATE DISCOUNT TELEPHONE]
PURSUANT TO SECTION 252(e) OF THE]
TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1996]

CASE NO. T0-2000-467

**APPLICATION OF MISSOURI STATE DISCOUNT TELEPHONE FOR
APPROVAL OF INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT**

COMES NOW, MISSOURI STATE DISCOUNT TELEPHONE and file
this Application for Approval of an Interconnection Agreement (the "Agreement")
between SOUTHWESTERN BELL and Missouri State Discount Telephone
("MSDT"), pursuant to Section 252(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 ("the
Federal Act") and would respectfully show the Missouri Public Service Commission
(the "Commission") the following:

I. INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT REACHED

MISSOURI STATE DISCOUNT TELEPHONE presents to this
Commission for approval an agreement negotiated and executed pursuant to the
terms of the Federal Act (Agreement, Attachment 1). After weeks of intensive good
faith negotiations to address all of the complex issues involved in such an agreement,
the parties have executed the Interconnection Agreement between
SOUTHWESTERN BELL and MSDT on January 10, 2000, and filed herewith,
together with the four (4) appendices incorporated therein.

II. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL

MISSOURI STATE DISCOUNT TELEPHONE seeks the Commission's
approval of the Agreement, consistent with the provisions of the Federal Act.
MSDT believes that the implementation of this Agreement complies fully with
Sections 252(e) of the Federal Act because the Agreement is consistent with the

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public interest, convenience and necessity and does not discriminate against any telecommunications carrier. The Agreement promotes diversity in providers, provides interconnectivity, and increases customer choices for telecommunication services.

MISSOURI STATE DISCOUNT TELEPHONE respectfully request that the Commission grant expeditious approval of this Agreement, without change, suspension or other delay in its implementation. This is a bilateral agreement, reached as a result of negotiations and compromise between competitors, and the parties do not believe a docket or intervention by other parties is necessary or appropriate.

III. STANDARD FOR REVIEW

The statutory standards of review are set forth in Section 252(e) of the Federal Act which provides as follows:

Section 252(e) of the Federal Act:

(e) APPROVAL BY STATE COMMISSION

(1) APPROVAL REQUIRED. Any interconnection agreement adopted by negotiation or arbitration shall be submitted for approval to the state commission. A state commission to which an agreement is submitted to shall approve or reject the agreement, with written findings as to any deficiencies.

(2) GROUNDS FOR REJECTION. The State Commission may only reject -

(A) an agreement (or any portion thereof) discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement; or

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- (i) the agreement (or portion thereof) discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement; or
- (ii) the implementation of such agreement or portion is not consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity; or

IV. MISSOURI LEGISLATION

The negotiated and executed Agreement is consistent with Missouri Legislation, Senate Bill No. 507, which became effective on August 28, 1996.

V. CONCLUSION

For the reasons set forth above, MISSOURI STATE DISCOUNT TELEPHONE respectfully prays that the Commission approve the Agreement expeditiously.

Respectfully submitted,

MISSOURI STATE DISCOUNT TELEPHONE

By: 

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PRESIDENT

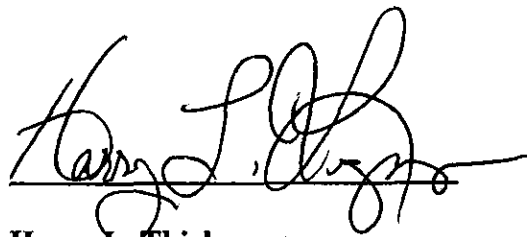
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VERIFICATION

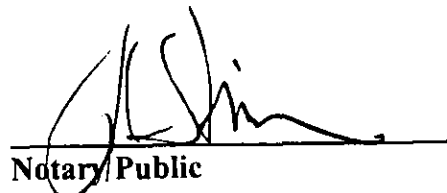
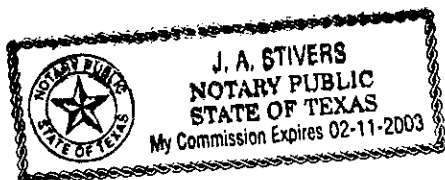
I, Harry L. Thielepape, under penalty of perjury, certify as follows:

I am President of Missouri State Discount Telephone. I am authorized to make this verification on behalf of Missouri State Discount Telephone. I have read the foregoing "Application of MISSOURI STATE DISCOUNT TELEPHONE for Approval of Interconnection Agreement SOUTHWESTERN BELL pursuant to Sections 252(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996" and know the contents thereof, and the facts stated therein are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

Executed in the State of Texas on the 11th day of January, 2000.



**Harry L. Thielepape
President
Missouri State Discount Telephone**


Notary Public

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Notary Public

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

**I do hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document was
mailed via Airborne Express to Dale Hardy Roberts, Secretary/Chief Regulatory
Law Judge, Missouri Public Service Commission, 301 W. High Street, Rm. 530,
Jefferson City, MO 65101 and was mailed, postage prepaid, this 13th day of
January, 2000 the following:**

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