OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

| In the Matter of the Review of the Competitive |) | |
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| Classification of the Exchanges of Southwestern |) | Case No. TO-2007-0053 |
| Bell Telephone, L.P., d/b/a AT&T Missouri |) | |

OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC COUNSEL'S REQUEST FOR AN EVIDENTIARY HEARING

The Office of the Public Counsel respectfully asks the Public Service Commission to hold an evidentiary hearing in this case.

Public Counsel suggests that this case and the implications that it has for competition and Missouri telecommunications customers requires more than a quick review of the Staff's Report, but instead requires that interested parties should have a meaningful opportunity to participate in the process and offer any arguments or evidence to assist the Commission in making this review.

Respectfully submitted,

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