

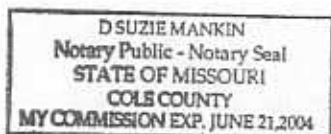
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I, Janis E. Fischer, Utility Regulatory Auditor IV, of the Commission's Auditing Department, first being duly sworn on my oath state that the Public Service Commission's records do not reflect the receipt of the 2002 Annual Report from Tri-State Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a The Phone Company.

Janis E. Fischer
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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 3rd day of February, 2004.



D. Suzie Mankin
NOTARY PUBLIC