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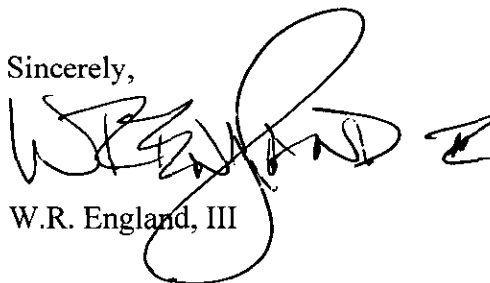
Re: Case No. TK-2003-0540

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed for filing on behalf of the Missouri Independent Telephone Company Group and the Small Telephone Company Group, please find an original and eight copies of the Motion to Accept Amendment to Interconnection Agreement and Withdraw Request for Hearing.

Please see that this filing is brought to the attention of the appropriate Commission personnel. Copies of the attached are being provided to parties of record. If you have any questions regarding this filing, please give me a call. I thank you in advance for your attention to and cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,



W.R. England, III

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cc: Parties of Record

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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In the Matter of the Master Interconnection and)
Resale Agreement by and between Sprint Missouri,)
Inc., and Comm South, Inc., Pursuant to)
Sections 251 and 252 of the Telecommunications)
Act of 1996.)

Missouri Public
Service Commission

Case No. TK-2003-0540

**Motion to Accept Amendment to Interconnection Agreement
and Withdraw Request for Hearing**

Comes now the Missouri Independent Telephone Company Group (MITG)¹ and the Small Telephone Company Group (STCG)² and for their Motion to Accept Amendment to Interconnection Agreement and Withdraw Request for Hearing state to the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) as follows:

1. On June 4, 2003, Sprint Missouri Inc. d/b/a Sprint (Sprint) filed an Application for approval of an Interconnection Agreement with Comm South Telecom Group, Inc. (Comm South).
2. On June 19 and 23, 2003, respectively, the MITG and STCG filed Applications to

¹Alma Communications Co., Chariton Valley Telephone Corp., Choctaw Telephone Co., Mid-Missouri Telephone Company, MoKan Dial, Inc., and Northeast Missouri Rural Telephone Co.

²BPS Telephone Company, Cass County Telephone Company, Citizens Telephone Company, Craw-Kan Telephone Cooperative, Inc., Ellington Telephone Company, Farber Telephone Company, Goodman Telephone Company, Inc., Granby Telephone Company, Grand River Mutual Telephone Corporation, Green Hills Telephone Corp., Holway Telephone Company, Iamo Telephone Company, Kingdom Telephone Company, KLM Telephone Company, Lathrop Telephone Company, Le-Ru Telephone Company, McDonald County Telephone Company, Mark Twain Rural Telephone Company, Miller Telephone Company, New Florence Telephone Company, New London Telephone Company, Orchard Farm Telephone Company, Oregon Farmers Mutual Telephone Company, Ozark Telephone Company, Peace Valley Telephone Company, Rock Port Telephone Company, Seneca Telephone Company, Steelville Telephone Exchange, Inc. and Stoutland Telephone Company.

intervene and requests for hearing. MITG and STCG were primarily concerned with the "transit" and related provisions contained in the Interconnection Agreement. Said Applications were granted by Commission Order issued July 8, 2003.

3. On July 11, 2003, the Commission convened a prehearing conference at which time representatives of Sprint, Staff, MITG and STCG appeared. Comm South was not represented at the prehearing conference.

4. On July 15, 2003, the Commission issued its Order to Show Cause requiring Comm South to show cause why it should not be dismissed as a party to the case because of Comm South's failure to appear at and participate in the previously scheduled prehearing conference. To date, Comm South has not filed a response to the Commission's Order to Show Cause nor has the Commission taken any action to dismiss Comm South as a party or to dismiss the case.

5. On July 18, 2003, Sprint filed its Response to Record Question Posed at Prehearing Conference which identified the records that Sprint was prepared to produce if, and when, Comm South transits traffic under its Interconnection Agreement with Sprint.

6. On July 21, 2003, Sprint filed a Revised Amendment No. 1 to its Interconnection Agreement with Comm South. Said Amendment limits the type of traffic which Sprint will "transit" under its Interconnection Agreement with Comm South to local traffic only. On July 24, 2003, Sprint filed its Response of Sprint Missouri Inc. to Order Directing Filing and Other Pleadings wherein it represented that Revised Amendment No. 1 to the Interconnection Agreement with Comm South removes all issues raised by MITG and STCG from the case. Specifically, Sprint stated that ". . . under the Revised Amendment, no traffic will transit to non-

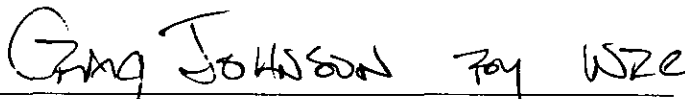
party incumbent local exchange companies, such as intervenors, other than Metropolitan Calling Area ("MCA") traffic consistent with Commission rules and orders."

7. Upon further review of the Revised Amendment No. 1, and the Response of Sprint to Order Directing Filing, the MITG and STCG have determined that their concerns regarding the Interconnection Agreement between Sprint and Comm South, as previously identified in MITG's and STCG's pleadings, will be satisfactorily addressed, such that they no longer require an evidentiary hearing if the Amendment is accepted. In addition, if the Amendment is accepted, MITG and STCG are willing to withdraw their opposition to the Interconnection Agreement as amended by Revised Amendment No. 1, but request to remain parties for purposes of receiving further pleadings and orders in this case.

9. Representatives of MITG and STCG have talked with counsel for Sprint and Staff regarding this pleading and they have indicated no opposition to same.

WHEREFORE, MITG and STCG respectfully request the Commission issue its order 1) accepting Revised Amendment No. 1 to the Interconnection Agreement between Sprint and Comm South; and 2) allowing the MITG and STCG to withdraw their previously stated opposition to Interconnection Agreement, as amended, and their request for hearing.

Respectfully submitted,

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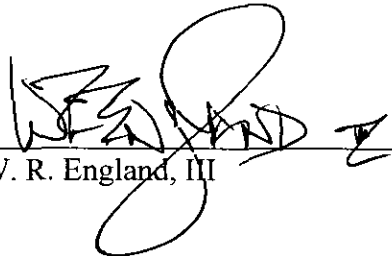
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I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing document was mailed or hand-delivered, this 28th day of July, 2003 to:

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