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Karen R. Messerli**

April 8, 2004

Mr. Robert Quinn, Executive Director
Missouri Public Service Commission
Governor Office Building
200 Madison Street
P.O. Box 360
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102-0360

RE: In the Matter of a Commission Inquiry into the Metropolitan Calling Area Plan
And Calling Scopes in Missouri
Case No. TW-2004-0471

Dear Mr. Quinn:

The City of Lee's Summit would like to extend its appreciation to the PSC for its commitment to examine the Kansas City Metropolitan Calling Area ("MCA") structure through its establishment of the above-referenced case.

A significant portion of southern Lee's Summit falls within the Greenwood exchange. The Greenwood exchange is part of the Kansas City MCA 3. Approximately 7,000 citizens of Lee's Summit who reside within the Greenwood exchange are either paying long distance charges or must purchase a calling plan from Southwestern Bell costing approximately \$12 per month in order to call areas within the City but outside the Greenwood exchange. These citizens are interested in this newly established case and are hopeful that the PSC will schedule public hearings so that they may have an opportunity to voice their opinions. Enclosed is a resolution passed unanimously by the City Council whereby the City has expressed its support for public hearings on this issue.

The March 18, 2004 Order of the PSC establishing Case No. TW-2004-0471 creates a "Metropolitan Calling Area Plan and Calling Scope Task Force" and states that the "Commission anticipates scheduling a roundtable or other informal meeting with interested entities to further define the scope and charge of this Task Force." Lee's Summit is interested in having

representatives of the City participate in this roundtable or informal meeting. Please make this letter available to the PSC staff member who will be coordinating the roundtable or informal meeting so that Lee's Summit is notified of the time and place of the meeting and is given the opportunity to participate. Please direct correspondence regarding this matter to Rich Wood, City of Lee's Summit, Law Department, 207 S.W. Market, P.O. Box 1600, Lee's Summit, Missouri 64063, (816) 969-7460.

We look forward to the opportunity to participate in the informal meeting. If public hearings are scheduled in the future, City staff would be glad to assist the Commission in identifying a location.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,



Karen R. Messerli
Mayor

Enclosure

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RESOLUTION NO. 02-04

A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE SUPPORT OF THE CITY OF LEE'S SUMMIT FOR A REVISION OF THE CURRENT KANSAS CITY METROPOLITAN CALLING AREA, AS DESIGNATED BY THE MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, TO INCLUDE IN THE MANDATORY CALLING AREA RESIDENTS OF THE CITY WHO RESIDE IN THE GREENWOOD TELEPHONE EXCHANGE. "

WHEREAS, the City of Lee's Summit, Missouri (hereinafter "City") is a community of approximately 74,000 residents located within the Kansas City Metropolitan Area, which is divided into multiple telephone exchanges; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the City that all of its residents possess the ability to call within the limits of the City without incurring additional charges; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to § 392.200.7 RSMo, the Missouri Public Service Commission (hereinafter "PSC") possesses the power to provide the limits within which telecommunication messages shall be delivered without extra charge; and

WHEREAS, those telephone exchanges are currently grouped into a Metropolitan Calling Area (hereinafter "MCA"), which is further divided by the PSC into five tiers; and

WHEREAS, the closest three tiers as they radiate from the urban core of Kansas City are known as the Principal Zone, MCA-1 and MCA-2, which constitute a mandatory MCA calling area, and the furthest three tiers from the urban core of Kansas City are known as MCA-3, MCA-4 and MCA-5, which constitute an optional MCA calling area; and

WHEREAS, callers within the mandatory calling area may place calls to others within the Principal Zone, MCA-1, MCA-2, to others in the optional calling area who subscribe to MCA service at no additional charge, however, callers within the optional calling area may call only those within their own local exchange, unless they have subscribed to the MCA plan for an additional fee; and

WHEREAS, a significant number of residents of southern Lee's Summit reside within the MCA-3 area, designated as the Greenwood telephone exchange, and, as a result, must subscribe to MCA service by paying an additional fee or must incur long distance charges to call residents of Lee's Summit not within MCA-3, and to contact providers of goods and services within the community in which they reside, including those services provided by the City of Lee's Summit and its elected and appointed officials; and

WHEREAS, the Greenwood telephone exchange, which falls entirely within MCA-3, projects into the adjacent MCA-2 calling area such that it is nearly surrounded by the MCA-2 calling area (see Exhibits A1-A4, attached); and

WHEREAS, residents of the City residing within the MCA-3 Greenwood telephone exchange have requested the City's assistance in obtaining information regarding the procedure to change the boundaries of the Metropolitan Calling Areas; and

WHEREAS, on January 18, 2001, Dale Hardy Roberts, Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge of the PSC established case number TO-2001-391 and issued an order directing the staff

of the PSC to establish a task force made up of PSC staff, telephone companies and the Office of Public Counsel, to investigate, among other things, the effects of an expanded MCA on pricing; and

WHEREAS, on January 24, 2002, said task force filed its final report; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the recommendations of the task force the City anticipates that the PSC plans to hold public hearings in this region regarding MCA expansion plans.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LEE'S SUMMIT, MISSOURI, as follows:

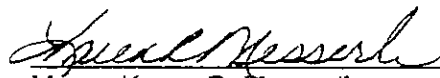
SECTION 1. The City Council hereby declares its opposition to the task force's conclusion that there is no reason to make MCA-3 mandatory in the Kansas City Metropolitan Calling Area.

SECTION 2. The City Council hereby declares its support for the PSC Staff recommendation that the PSC schedule public hearings to gauge demand for an expanded MCA-2 area. The City Council believes that it will be in the best interest of the PSC to hold at least one of the public hearings on this matter in the City of Lee's Summit.

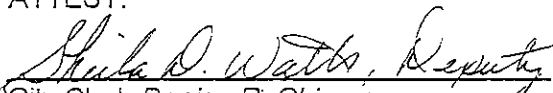
SECTION 3. The City Council further declares its opposition to the PSC Staff recommendation that the PSC implement the MCA-2 proposal. While this plan offers a compromised position, because the MCA-2 proposal would not change the geographic area under the current MCAs, those City residents residing within the Greenwood exchange would continue to be required to subscribe to the MCA plan to make outbound calls under this plan.

SECTION 4. The City Council declares its support for the Office of Public Counsel recommendation that the PSC consider the expansion of the MCA beyond its current boundaries on a case-by-case basis, including those areas included in the City of Lee's Summit, Missouri.

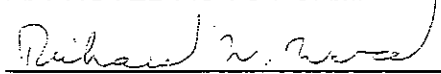
PASSED and ADOPTED by the City Council for the City of Lee's Summit, Missouri, this 7th day of March, 2002.


Mayor Karen R. Messerli

ATTEST:


for City Clerk Denise R. Chisum

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Assistant City Attorney Richard W. Wood