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Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge
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Re: TM-2002-465

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Service Commission

Dear Judge Roberts:

Attached for filing with the Commission is the original and five (5) copies of AT&T Communications of the Southwest, Inc.'s comments regarding the proposed stipulation in the above-referenced docket.

I thank you in advance for your cooperation in bringing this to the attention of the Commission.

Very truly yours,

J. Steve Weber

Attachment

cc: Craig Johnson, Andereck, Evans, Milne, Peace & Johnson, LLC
Michael Dandino, Office of Public Counsel
Daniel Joyce, Staff General Counsel
Leo Bub, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE
STATE OF MISSOURI

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In the Matter of the Joint Application)
of Northeast Missouri Rural Telephone)
Company and Modern Telecom-)
munications Company for Approval)
to Merge Modern Telecommunications)
Company and Northeast Missouri)
Rural Telephone Company.)

Case No. TM-2002-465

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Comes now, AT&T Communications of the Southwest, Inc. (AT&T) and states as follows:

AT&T does not oppose the proposed stipulation filed by the Applicants Northeast Missouri Rural Telephone Company (Northeast) and Modern Telecommunications Company (Modern), the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, and the Office of Public Counsel.

Respectfully submitted,



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