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Missouri Public
Service Commission

RE: Application of Southwestern Bell Telephone Company to Provide Notice of Intent to File an Application for Authorization to Provide In-Region InterLATA Services Originating in Missouri Pursuant to Section 271 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, Case No. TO-99-227

Dear Judge Roberts:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced case are the original and 8 copies of the Office of Public Counsel and State of Missouri's Joint Filing in Response to the Commission's Order Dated April 18, 2003.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures

cc: All Parties on the Service List

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
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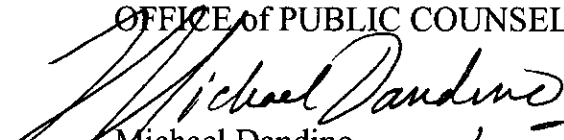
OFFICE OF PUBLIC COUNSEL AND STATE OF MISSOURI'S
JOINT FILING IN RESPONSE TO
THE COMMISSION'S ORDER DATED APRIL 18, 2003

The Office of Public Counsel and the State of Missouri (the "State"), through the Attorney General, in response to the Commission's order dated April 18, 2003, state that the OPC and the State are not aware of any significant changes in federal or state law which have occurred since the filing of the motion described in the Commission's order.¹ Rather than file redundant pleadings, the OPC and the State rely upon the Commission's Staff to update the Commission on the status of pending related matters at the Texas, Arkansas, Kansas, and Oklahoma public utility commissions. OPC and the State will not be filing proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law on this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

¹However, of a tangential nature, Verizon has filed a petition for writ of certiorari with the United States Supreme Court seeking to have that Court address whether consumers of services from CLEC's can maintain antitrust claims against an ILEC providing inadequate support services. See *Verizon Communications v. Law Offices of Curtis Trinko*, United States Supreme Court Case No. 02-682 (Appeal from the Second Circuit Court of Appeals.)

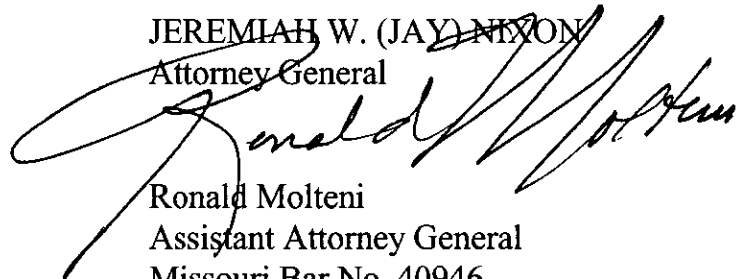
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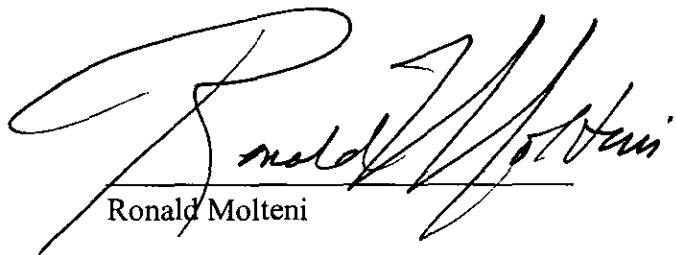
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