

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

In the Matter of the Investigation of the)
State of Competition in the Exchanges of)
Southwestern Bell Telephone Company)

Case No. TO-2001-467

STAFF RESPONSE TO ORDER DIRECTING FILING

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission and for its response states:

1. On April 14, 2005 the Commission directed the Staff to file a status report no later than April 25, 2005.
2. On March 18, 2005, the Cole County Circuit Court remanded this case to the Commission for further proceedings in accordance with the Court of Appeals' Opinion. A copy of the Circuit Court's Order Remanding Case To Public Service Commission is attached as Appendix A.¹
3. The Staff recommends that the Commission decide the remanded issues in this case based upon the existing record in this case. The Staff recommends that the Commission schedule a conference for the parties to discuss narrowing the issues and to develop a proposed briefing schedule.

¹ The Circuit Court served its Order on the Office of Public Counsel, but did not serve the Commission, SBC Missouri or the Joint CLECs.

Respectfully submitted,

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