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Re: In the Matter of a Request for the Modification of the Springfield Metropolitan Calling Area Plan to Make the Ozark Exchange Part of the Mandatory MCA Tier 1 Exchange

Dear Secretary:

Enclosed for filing please find an original and eight copies of the Choctaw Telephone Company Application to Intervene in the above referenced case.

If you have any questions, please contact me at the number listed above.

Sincerely,

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Encl.

CC: Office of the Public Counsel General Counsel, PSC Mimi McDonald Jane Prettyman

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Case No. TO-2005-0143

APPLICATION TO INTERVENE

COMES NOW Choctaw Telephone Company ("Choctaw") and hereby moves to intervene in this proceeding. In support of this Application, Choctaw states as follows:

1. Choctaw provides local, basic local, and exchange access services to customers in the Halltown exchange. The Halltown exchange is located in the Springfield MCA. Choctaw seeks to intervene to monitor this proceeding because the principles adopted could equally apply to Choctaw at a future point in time.

2. Choctaw is subject to the regulatory supervision of the Missouri Public Service Commission.

3. Copies of all filings in this docket should be directed to Choctaw by serving:

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4. On November 22, 2004, the Office of Public Counsel ("OPC") filed a request for the mandatory addition of the Lexington exchange to the Springfield MCA Tier 1. OPC's request for modification also recommended that the Commission issue a notice to all potentially affected carriers and request certain financial information from affected carriers. 5. Choctaw is such an affected carrier and therefore should be included as a party in this case. Choctaw has an interest different than the general public, specifically, Choctaw serves customers in an exchange currently included in the Springfield MCA.

WHEREFORE, on the basis of the foregoing, Choctaw Telephone Company respectfully requests that this application to intervene and participate as a party be granted.

Respectfully Submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was hand delivered or mailed, U. S. Mail, postage pre-paid, this 20th day of December, 2004, to:

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