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Via Federal Express 8457 1519 8207

Re: Case No. TO-2005-0035

Dear Secretary of the Commission:

Enclosed please find for filing with your office and original and nine (9) copies of Allegiance Telecom of Missouri, Inc.'s Request to Intervene and Opposition to Proposed Procedural Schedule, in connection with the above-referenced matter. Upon your receipt, please file stamp the extra copy received and return to the undersigned in the enclosed, self-addressed, stamped envelope. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

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## BEFORE THE MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the Matter of the Second Investigation into the State of Competition in the Exchanges of Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P., d/b/a SBC Missouri.

Case No. TO-2005-0035

Missouri Public

## ALLEGIANCE TELECOM OF MISSOURI, INC.'S REQUEST TO INTERVENE AND OPPOSITION TO PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

COMES NOW Allegiance Telecom of Missouri, Inc. (Allegiance Missouri), pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.075, and for its Request to Intervene state to the Commission:

1. Allegiance Missouri is a corporation organized under the laws of the State of

Delaware and authorized to conduct business in the State of Missouri. In furtherance of the reorganization of Allegiance Telecom, Inc., Debtor-in -Possession (Allegiance Telecom), and its subsidiaries, including Allegiance Telecom of Missouri, Inc., under chapter 11 of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code, the parties agreed that XO Missouri, Inc. ("XO") would acquire substantially all of the assets of Allegiance Telecom. XO and Allegiance Telecom notified the Commission of the transfer of control on February 24, 2004, and the transaction was consummated on June 23, 2004. As a result, Allegiance Missouri became a wholly owned, direct subsidiary of XO. Allegiance Missouri is certificated in Missouri to provide interexchange and non-switched local exchange telecommunications services.<sup>1</sup> On July 21, 2004, XO and Allegiance Missouri filed an Application for Approval of Internal Corporate Reorganization with this Commission, Case No. LD-2005-0027, which case is still pending.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See TA-2000-427 dated March 3, 2000 (interexchange and non switched local exchange telecommunications services) and TA-2000-1 dated October 19, 1999 (local).

2. All communications and pleadings in this case should be directed to:

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3. On or about July 30, 2004 SBC Missouri filed its Motion to Investigate the State of Competition in SBC Missouri Exchanges.

4. Allegiance Missouri seeks to intervene in this proceeding because the Commission's decision could adversely affect its interests as a provider of telecommunications services in the State.

5. Allegiance Missouri's interests as a telecommunications company are different from those of the general public. Furthermore, Allegiance Missouri's intervention in this proceeding is in the public interest because of its interests in enhancing competition and because of its expertise in the telecommunications industry.

6. Allegiance Missouri opposes SBC's Motion because it is too general and unsupported by testimony. However, Allegiance Missouri cannot now assess any specific requests that may ultimately be made by SBC and must oppose its general requests.

7. In its Motion, SBC asks the Commission to make Allegiance Missouri a party to this case. Rather than waiting for a Commission order, Allegiance Missouri files its intervention in order to be able to advise the Commission that they strongly oppose SBC's proposed procedural schedule.

8. In its Motion, SBC sets forth a specific proposed schedule for this case. Even though it expresses the need to make more than 40 other entities parties to the case, it apparently seeks to exclude them from expressing their views on the schedule. This is contrary to due process. All parties have a right to participate in the discussions regarding a case schedule.

9. Allegiance Missouri specifically objects to SBC's proposed schedule because: (1) it does not afford at least 30 days notice and opportunity to intervene to interested parties (4 CSR 240-2.075); and (2) the proposed time periods between rounds of testimony are much too compressed to allow adequate opportunity for discovery (including resolution of the inevitable motions to compel that arise from discovery disputes) and then the further opportunity to analyze the data obtained by discovery and prepare testimony regarding such data and analysis.

10. Allegiance Missouri urges the Commission not to set any schedule at this time. Rather, a prehearing scheduling conference should be set a reasonable time after the conclusion of a full 30-day intervention period, so that all interested parties can fairly participate in the development of the schedule.

WHEREFORE, Allegiance Telecom of Missouri, Inc., respectfully requests the Commission to issue its order granting its Request to Intervene, denying SBC's proposed schedule, and setting appropriate dates for an intervention deadline and prehearing conference.

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