

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**

ORDER GRANTING LEAVE TO FILE POSITION STATEMENT
OUT OF TIME

Issue Date: December 21, 2006

Effective Date: December 21, 2006

The parties were directed to file their proposed findings of fact, conclusions of law, and briefs no later than December 11, 2006. On December 12, 2006, the Office of the Public Counsel filed its brief and on December 13, 2006, filed a request for leave to file its position statement out of time. In support of the request Public Counsel related that the delay in filing was occasioned by the illness of its counsel, and that its brief was filed by the end of the business day on December 12 and e-mailed to all counsel of record at that time. Public Counsel submits that its late filing does not prejudice any party.

The Commission has reviewed the request and finds it reasonable to accept Public Counsel's late filing of its brief.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. The Office of the Public Counsel's Request for Leave to File Its Position Statement Out of Time is granted.

2. This order shall become effective on December 21, 2006.

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Colleen M. Dale', written in a cursive style.

Colleen M. Dale
Secretary

(S E A L)

Nancy Dippell, Deputy Chief Regulatory
Law Judge, by delegation of authority
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 21st day of December, 2006.