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**Re: TM-2000-748**

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed please find the original plus eight (8) copies of Voluntary Dismissal by Joint Applicants for filing on behalf of Townes Telecommunications, Inc. and Miller Telephone Company in the above referenced matter. Please bring this matter to the attention of the appropriate Commission personnel. A copy of this filing is being sent to all parties of record.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
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In the matter of the Joint Application )  
of Miller Telephone Company and )  
Townes Telecommunications, Inc., for )  
an order authorizing Townes )  
Telecommunications Inc., to purchase or ) Case No. TM-2000-748  
acquire, take or hold all of the issued and )  
outstanding capital stock of Miller )  
Telephone Company. )

**VOLUNTARY DISMISSAL BY JOINT APPLICANTS**

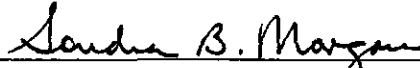
Come now Joint Applicants Miller Telephone Company ("Miller") and Townes Telecommunications, Inc., ("Townes") and, pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.116(1), file this Voluntary Dismissal and in support thereof state to the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") as follows:

1. On May 11, 2000, Joint Applicants filed a Joint Application seeking the Commission's authorization to permit Townes to acquire all of the capital stock of Miller. On that same date, Joint Applicants requested expedited treatment of the Joint Application. On May 31, Joint Applicants filed an Amended Joint Application to correct certain procedural errors.

2. Joint Applicants now voluntarily dismiss the Joint Application pursuant to 4 CSR 240.2-116 as no prepared testimony has been filed or any oral evidence entered in the proceeding.

Wherefore, Joint Applicants respectfully request that the Commission accept their Voluntary Dismissal.

Respectfully submitted,



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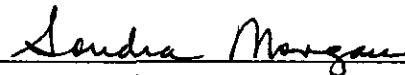
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and TOWNES TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.

Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing document was hand-delivered this 14th day of August, 2000 to:

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