

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

In the Matter of a Proposed Rulemaking)
Regarding Caller Identification Blocking)
Service.)
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Case No. TX-2004- 0206

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1. My name is John Van Eschen and I am employed as Manager of the Telecommunications Department of the Missouri Public Service Commission.

2. The proposed rulemaking codifies the Caller Identification Blocking requirements identified in Case No. TR-93-123, *In the Matter of Southwestern Bell Telephone Company Tariff Introducing "Caller ID Service", a New Service*. The Commission's March 18, 1993 Report and Order in that case directed Southwestern Bell to provide free per-line blocking to law enforcement and domestic violence agencies. In addition the Commission concluded a free per-call blocking option should be available for all customers.

3. Since the issuance of this Commission order, many other local telecommunications companies have initiated Caller ID service. Although most local telecommunications companies comply with the blocking requirements established in Case No. TR-93-123, the Commission recently became aware that all companies might not be complying with these requirements. proposed rulemaking ensures all telecommunications companies throughout the state provide free per-line blocking to law enforcement and domestic violence intervention agencies as well as free per-call blocking.

4. The proposed rulemaking should have very little or no fiscal impact on any telecommunications company, business or individual. Most telecommunications companies

already comply with these requirements. In all instances where the Commission Staff has contacted a company for not providing per-line blocking as requested by a law enforcement or domestic violence intervention agency, the company has willingly made the necessary adjustments. Moreover, similar proposed blocking requirements had previously been distributed to the Missouri telecommunications industry in a different pending rulemaking. No party has indicated that such blocking requirements will generate a financial impact.

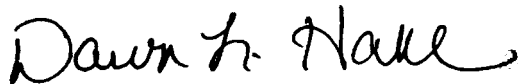
I certify that I have read the foregoing statement and that the facts therein are complete, true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief.



JOHN VAN ESCHEN
Affiant

Subscribed and sworn to before me, the undersigned notary public on

10/23/03



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Notary Public – State of Missouri
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My Commission Expires Jan 9, 2005