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Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge
Public Service Commission
Room 530, Truman State Office Building
301 West High Street
Jefferson City, MO 65101

RE: Application of Southwestern Bell Telephone Company to Provide Notice of Intent to File an Application for Authorization to Provide In-Region InterLATA Services Originating in Missouri Pursuant to Section 271 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, Case No. TO-99-227

Dear Judge Roberts:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced case are the original and 8 copies of the State of Missouri's Request to be Excused.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures
cc: All Parties on the Service List

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
STATE OF MISSOURI

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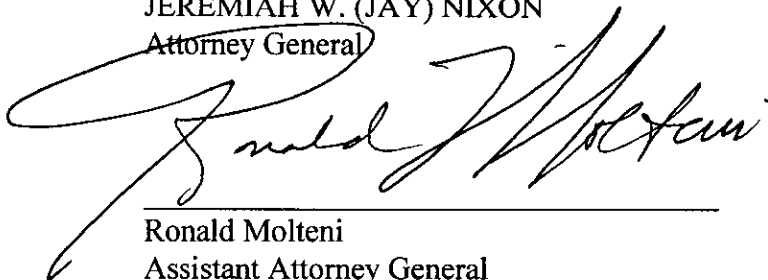
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THE STATE OF MISSOURI'S
REQUEST TO BE EXCUSED

The State of Missouri respectfully requests that it be excused from the pre-hearing conference set in the above-styled action for Thursday, August 1, 2002. The State's attorney has a conflict in that he is scheduled to appear before the Circuit Court of the City of St. Louis for a preliminary injunction hearing in the case styled, *McNeil-Terry et al., v. Martin*, Case No. 024-1662, Div. 2.

Respectfully submitted,

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