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The Honorable Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge
Missouri Public Service Commission
200 Madison Street, Suite 100
Jefferson City, Missouri 65101

Re: Request to File Portions of 2004 Annual
Report Under Seal

Dear Judge Roberts:

Enclosed for filing with the Commission are (1) the complete nonpublic version of SBC Missouri's¹ 2004 Annual Report, which SBC Missouri is filing under seal with portions designated as "Highly Confidential" (set out below); (2) a redacted public version of SBC Missouri's 2004 Annual Report; and (3) an Affidavit supporting SBC Missouri's designation of confidential treatment for a portion of its 2004 Annual Report.

Highly Confidential Designation of Information. SBC Missouri, pursuant to 4 CSR Section 240-3.540(4), has designated Schedule 10 from its Annual Report (which requires carriers to provide the number of access lines by exchange and broken down by type of line) as "Highly Confidential." SBC Missouri notes that although it is filing this information with the Commission under seal, it will still be available to the Commission and its Staff. This same information was accorded confidential treatment last year for SBC Missouri's 2003 Annual Report.

As explained in more detail in the supporting Affidavit of Craig Michalski, SBC Missouri Associate Director-Regulatory Accounting (telephone 314-235-8006; e-mail craig.michalski@sbc.com), SBC Missouri seeks confidential treatment for the access line data in Schedule 10 of its 2004 Annual Report because that information is very competitively sensitive and is not publicly available in any format. Based on a supporting Staff recommendation, the Commission found good cause to permit SBC Missouri to file the same type of access line information in its year 2001 Annual Report under seal.² This approach is consistent with how the Commission has traditionally handled the production of confidential information within an Annual Report and is also appropriate here. SBC Missouri therefore, pursuant to 4 CSR 240-3.540(4), submits the

¹ Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P., d/b/a SBC Missouri is referred to in this letter as "SBC Missouri" or "SBC."

² Order Granting Confidential Treatment, Case No. TO-2002-1020, issued September 19, 2002 at p.1.

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access line information reported in Schedule 10 of its 2004 Annual Report under seal and classified as "Highly Confidential."

Please call me with any questions or if anything further is needed.

Very truly yours,



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Enclosures

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