

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

In the Matter of a Request for Expansion of)	
the St. Louis Metropolitan Calling Area Plan to)	
Include the Exchanges of Washington, Union,)	Case No. TO-2005-0141
Wright City, St. Clair, Marthasville, Beaufort,)	
Foley, and Warrenton.)	

**SOUTHWESTERN BELL TELEPHONE, L.P., D/B/A SBC MISSOURI'S
RESPONSE TO THE PROPOSED SCHEDULING OF PUBLIC HEARINGS**

It has come to Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P., d/b/a SBC Missouri's ("SBC Missouri") attention that the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") desires to set local public hearings in the above-captioned matter. SBC Missouri is actively participating in extensive settlement negotiations at this time with the hope of resolving all issues in this case related to the SBC Missouri exchanges of Beaufort, St. Clair, Union, and, Washington ("the SBC Missouri exchanges"). Accordingly, SBC Missouri requests that the Commission not schedule public hearings at this time. SBC Missouri will advise the Commission no later than December 5, 2005, whether it was able to resolve this case with respect to the SBC Missouri exchanges.

Wherefore, Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P., d/b/a SBC Missouri, prays that the Missouri Public Service Commission refrain from setting local public hearings at this time in order to allow the parties sufficient time to negotiate a settlement with respect to the SBC Missouri exchanges, together with any additional relief the Commission deems just and proper.

Respectfully submitted,

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