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February 14, 2003

Missouri Public Service Commission Attn: Secretary of the Commission 200 Madison Street, Suite 100 P.O. Box 360 Jefferson City, Missouri 65102-0360

Re:

Case No. CA-2002-0203

Easton Telecom Services, L.L.C.

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Missouri Public Service Commission

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Please find enclosed for filing in the above-referenced case an original and eight (8) copies of Applicant's Notice of Dismissal.

Copies of the filing have on this date been sent to the General Counsel's Office and the Office of the Public Counsel. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Brent Stewart

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Enclosure

cc:

General Counsel's Office

Office of the Public Counsel

Patrick Crocker

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

| In the Matter of the Application of Easton        | ) | Missouri Public<br>Service Commission |
|---|---|---------------------------------------|
| Telecom Services, L.L.C. for a Certificate of     | ) | - 5, vice Commission                  |
| Service Authority to Provide Resold and           | ) | Case No. CA-2002-0203                 |
| Facilities-based Basic Local Telecommunications   | ) |                                       |
| Services in Portions of the State of Missouri and | ) |                                       |
| for Competitive Classification.                   | ) |                                       |

## NOTICE OF DISMISSAL

COMES NOW Applicant Easton Telecom Services, L.L.C. ("Applicant" or "Easton"), by and through counsel and pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.116(1), and for its Notice of Dismissal And Response to the Commission's Order Setting Prehearing Conference, respectfully states as follows:

1. 4 CSR 240-2.116(1) allows an applicant to dismiss its application without an order of the Commission at any time before prepared testimony has been filed or oral evidence offered. Pursuant to this rule, Easton hereby dismisses its Application but reserves the right to re-file its request at a future time. Accordingly, the prehearing conference currently ordered for March 19, 2003 may be canceled and Applicant's name added to the growing list of potential competitive market entrants who have been kept out of the Missouri market because they failed to meet the Financial Analysis Department's so-called "financial standard".

WHEREFORE, Applicant Easton Telecom Services, L.L.C. dismisses its Application to provide basic local telecommunications services in Missouri.

While the Commission's rule is silent as to dismissal with prejudice, Supreme Court Rule 67.02 provides that a voluntary dismissal shall be without prejudice unless otherwise specified by the court or by the parties to the dismissal.

Respectfully submitted,

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned hereby certifies that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document was sent to the General Counsel's Office and the Office of the Public Counsel by hand-delivery or by depositing same in the U.S. Mail, first class postage prepaid, this 14<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2003.