

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

In the Matter of Southwestern Bell Telephone)	
Company, d/b/a SBC Missouri's Proposed Revised)	Case No. IT-2004-0015
Tariff Sheet Intended to Increase by Eight Percent)	Tariff No. JI-2003-2141
the Rates for Line Status Verification and Busy)	
Line Interrupt as Authorized by Section 392.245,)	
RSMo, the Price Cap Statute.)	

SBC MISSOURI'S POSITION STATEMENT

SBC Missouri,¹ pursuant to the Missouri Public Service Commission's ("Commission's") August 12, 2003 Order Directing Filing and Adopting Procedural Schedule, respectfully submits SBC Missouri's position on the following issues presented to the Commission for resolution in this case:

Issue 1: Does the Commission have the authority to reject price changes for non-basic telecommunications services that do not exceed the maximum allowable prices under Section 392.245.11 RSMo. (2000)?

SBC Missouri Position - No. Section 392.245.11 requires the Commission to approve, within 30 days, tariffs filed by price cap regulated ILECs which change the rate charged for any non-basic telecommunications service, so long as the price cap regulated ILEC (1) provides notice to the Commission; and (2) files a tariff establishing a rate for such service that is not in excess on the maximum allowable price for such service. Here, SBC Missouri's proposed tariff satisfies the statutory requirements of Section 392.245.11 and the Commission must approve it.

Issue 2: If the Commission determines it has such authority, should the Commission approve or reject SBC Missouri's proposed price increases for Line Status Verification and Busy Line Interrupt?

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

SBC Missouri Position - As SBC Missouri's proposed tariff satisfies all statutory requirements of Section 392.245.11, the Commission has no authority to reject SBC Missouri's proposed tariff. The Commission must approve it.

Respectfully submitted,

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