

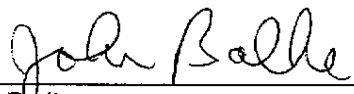
**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

In the Matter of McLeodUSA)	
Telecommunications Services, Inc.'s)	Case No. TT-2006-0474
Tariff Filing to Increase its Missouri)	Tariff No. JC-2006-0788
Intrastate Access Rates)	Tariff No. JC-2006-0789

AFFIDAVIT OF JOHN BALKE

John Balke, of lawful age, being duly sworn upon his oath, deposes and states the following:

1. My name is John Balke. I am an independent consultant retained by McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, Inc., in this matter.
2. Filed herewith and made a part hereof for all purposes is my Direct Testimony on behalf of McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, Inc., in this case.
3. I hereby affirm that my testimony filed herewith, including all answers to the questions therein, is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.



John Balke

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 28th day of August 2006.

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Notary Public

My Commission expires: 1/14/07