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Re: Delta Phones, Inc.

Dear Mr. Roberts:

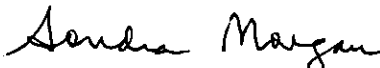
Enclosed for filing on behalf of Delta Phones, Inc., please find an original and one (1) copy of an Application For Approval of an Interconnection Agreement under the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

Would you please see that this filing is brought to the attention of the appropriate Commission personnel.

I thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

BRYDON, SWEARENGEN & ENGLAND P.C.

By: 

Sondra B. Morgan

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Enclosure

cc: Dan Joyce (w/o attachments)
Office of the Public Counsel (w/o attachments)
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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

IN THE MATTER OF THE)
APPLICATION OF DELTA PHONES, INC.)
FOR APPROVAL OF)
AN INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT) Case No. _____
WITH SOUTHWESTERN BELL TELEPHONE)
COMPANY UNDER THE)
TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1996.)

**APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF AN
INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT
UNDER THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1996**

Comes now Delta Phones, Inc. ("Applicant" or "Delta"), by and through its attorneys,
and files an Application for Approval of an Interconnection Agreement (the "Agreement")
under the Telecommunications Act of 1996. In support thereof, Applicant states as follows:

I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS

1. Delta is a competitive local exchange company with its office and principal place of
business located at 245 Illinois Street, P.O. Box 784, Delhi, Louisiana 71232. Delta's phone
number is (888) 220-9138 and its fax number is (888) 220-1200. Delta received its certificate
of service authority to provide telecommunications services in Missouri in Case No. TA-2000-
272, and a copy of Delta's authorization to do business in Missouri was attached to that
application and is hereby incorporated by reference.

II. RESALE AGREEMENT REACHED

2. After good faith negotiations, pursuant to the terms of the Telecommunications
Act of 1996, to address all of the complex issues involved in an agreement between competing

carriers, Delta and Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a Southwestern Bell Telephone Company ("SWBT"), executed an Interconnection Agreement. The Agreement, with consecutively numbered pages, is attached hereto as Attachment I and incorporated herein by reference. All matters between the parties have now been successfully negotiated and resolved. This Interconnection Agreement replaces the Resale Agreement between Delta and SWBT approved by the Commission in Case No. TO-2000-334 on November 30, 1999.

III. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL

3. Applicant seeks the Commission's approval of the Agreement consistent with the provisions of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. Delta believes that the implementation of this Agreement complies fully with Section 252(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 because the Agreement is consistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity and does not discriminate against any telecommunications carrier. The Agreement will promote diversity in providers, will provide interconnectivity, and will increase customer choices for telecommunications services.

4. Applicant respectfully requests that the Commission grant expeditious approval of this Agreement, without change, suspension or other delay in its implementation. This is a bilateral agreement, reached as a result of negotiations and compromise between competitors, and intervention by other parties is not necessary or appropriate.

5. Correspondence, orders and decisions in this matter should be addressed to:

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IV. STANDARD OF REVIEW

6. The statutory standards of review are set forth in Section 252(e) of the

Telecommunications Act of 1996 which provides as follows:

- (1) **APPROVAL REQUIRED.** -- Any interconnection agreement adopted by negotiation or arbitration shall be submitted for approval to the State commission. A State commission to which an agreement is submitted shall approve or reject the agreement, with written findings as to any deficiencies.
- (2) **GROUND FOR REJECTION.**-- The State commission may only reject --
 - (A) an agreement (or any portion thereof) adopted by negotiation under subsection (a) if it finds that --
 - (I) the agreement (or portion thereof) discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement; or
 - (ii) the implementation of such agreement or portion is not consistent with the

public interest,
convenience, and
necessity; . . .

7. Delta does not have any pending action or final unsatisfied judgments or decisions against it from any state or federal agency or court which involve customer service or rates, which action, judgment or decision has occurred within three (3) years of the date of the application.

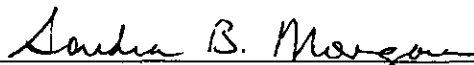
8. Delta does not have any annual report or assessment fees which are overdue.

9. The affidavit of Jon E. Davis, Vice-President of Delta, which is attached hereto as Attachment II and incorporated herein, establishes that the Agreement submitted herein satisfies these standards.

V. CONCLUSION

WHEREFORE, Applicant respectfully requests that the Commission approve the Interconnection Agreement executed between Delta and Southwestern Bell Telephone Company to be effective upon approval by the Commission, and for any other relief appropriate in the circumstances.

Respectfully submitted:



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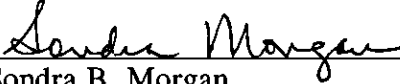
ATTORNEYS FOR DELTA PHONES, INC.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing document was sent by U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, or hand-delivered on this 15th day of November, 2002, to the following parties:

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Sondra B. Morgan

VERIFICATION

I, Jon E. Davis, the Vice President of Delta Phones, Inc., hereby verify and affirm that I have read the foregoing APPLICATION OF DELTA PHONES, INC., FOR APPROVAL OF AN INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT UNDER THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1996 and that the statements contained herein are true and correct to the best of my information and belief.

Jon E. Davis

STATE OF LOUISIANA)
) ss
COUNTY OF Pointe)
PARISH

Subscribed and sworn to me, a Notary Public, on this 12th day of November, 2002.

Sandra W. McManis
Notary Public

My Commission expires at death.