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The Honorable Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge
Missouri Public Service Commission
301 West High Street, Floor 5A
Jefferson City, MO 65101

Re: Case No. TA-98-575

Dear Judge Roberts:

Enclosed for filing with the Commission in the above-referenced case are an original and fourteen (14) copies of Southwestern Bell Telephone Company's Application to Intervene.

Also enclosed is an additional copy to be file stamped and returned to us in the enclosed self-addressed, stamped envelope.

Thank you for bringing this matter to the attention of the Commission.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures

cc: Parties of Record

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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In the Matter of the Application of MCImetro)
Access Transmission Services LLC, for)
Certificates of Service Authority to Provide Basic)
Local Telecommunications Services, Local)
Exchange Telecommunications Services, Exchange)
Access Services, and Interexchange)
Telecommunications Services in the State of)
Missouri and for Competitive Classifications.)

Case No. TA-98-575

**SOUTHWESTERN BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY'S
APPLICATION TO INTERVENE**

COMES NOW Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (SWBT) and respectfully submits its Application to Intervene in this proceeding. In support of its Application, SWBT states:

1. SWBT is a Missouri corporation duly authorized to conduct business in Missouri with its principal Missouri office at One Bell Center, St. Louis, Missouri 63101. SWBT is a "local exchange telecommunications company" and a "public utility" and is authorized to provide "telecommunications service" within the state of Missouri as each of those phrases are defined in §386.020 RSMo (1994).

2. All correspondence, pleadings, orders, decisions and communications regarding this proceeding should be sent to:

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3. In this proceeding, MCImetro Access Transmission Services LLC (MCImetro) seeks certificates of service authority to provide basic local telecommunications service, local

exchange telecommunications service, exchange access services, and interexchange telecommunications services in the state of Missouri in exchanges currently served by SWBT, GTE Midwest Inc., and Sprint. MCI metro also seeks classification of itself and its services as competitive and to receive a lesser degree of regulation as permitted under Sections 392.361 and 392.420 RSMo. (1994) and the waiver of various statutory provisions and Commission rules.

4. MCI metro's telecommunications services will be offered in direct competition with SWBT if MCI metro's Application in this proceeding is granted. SWBT therefore has a direct interest in the Commission's decision on MCI metro's Application. At this point, SWBT does not have sufficient information to either support or oppose MCI metro's Application.

5. SWBT's interests as a provider of telecommunications services in Missouri differ from those of the general public. No other party to this proceeding will adequately protect SWBT's interest.

6. Granting SWBT's Application to Intervene is in the public interest because SWBT will bring to this proceeding its extensive expertise and experience as a telecommunications provider.

WHEREFORE, SWBT respectfully requests the Commission to grant this Application to Intervene.

Respectfully submitted,

SOUTHWESTERN BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing document were served to all parties on the attached Service List by first-class postage prepaid, U.S. Mail on July 13, 1998.

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