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Cecil Wright
Executive Secretary
Missouri Public Service Commission
P.O. Box 360
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102

Re: Application for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier for Federal
Universal Service Fund Support, Case No. TO-98-49.

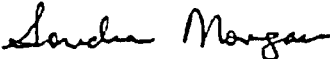
Dear Mr. Wright:

Enclosed for filing with the Missouri Public Service Commission please find Verification pages executed by counsel for the Mid-Missouri Group and the Small Telephone Company Group to be attached to the Joint Application filed by those groups of local exchange companies on August 1, 1997. Would you please see that this filing is brought to the attention of the appropriate personnel?

Thank you for your assistance and cooperation in this matter. Copies of these documents are being provided to Counsel for the Staff of the Commission and the Office of Public Counsel on this date.

Sincerely yours,

BRYDON, SWEARENGEN & ENGLAND P.C.

By: 
Sondra B. Morgan

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
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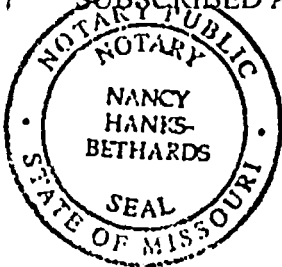
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VERIFICATION

I, Sondra B. Morgan, Attorney for the Small Telephone Company Group and pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.060(F), hereby swear and affirm that I am authorized to speak on behalf of the Applicant Small Telephone Company Group and to attest to the veracity of the statements contained in this Application.

Sondra B. Morgan
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I SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 14th day of August, 1997.



Nancy Hanks-Bethards
Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

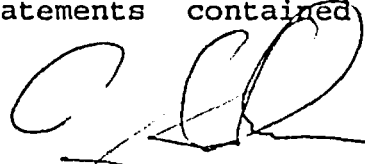
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NOTARY PUBLIC - NOTARY SEAL
STATE OF MISSOURI
COUNTY OF CALLAWAY
My Commission Expires July 6, 2001

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VERIFICATION

I, Craig S. Johnson, Attorney for the Mid-Missouri Group and pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.060(F), hereby swear and affirm that I am authorized to speak on behalf of the Mid-Missouri Group and to attest the veracity of the statements contained in this Application.



Craig S. Johnson

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 13th day of August, 1997.



Sandra K. Lawrence
Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

(Seal)

SANDRA K. LAWRENCE
Notary Public - Notary Seal
STATE OF MISSOURI
Cole County
My Commission Expires: April 23, 1999