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Mr. Cecil Wright
Executive Secretary
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P.O. Box 360
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Re: Case No. TO-98-49

Dear Mr. Wright:

Enclosed please find the original plus fourteen (14) copies of Motion for Leave to File Stipulation and Agreement Out-Of-Time, and Stipulation and Agreement for filing in the above referenced matter. Please bring this matter to the attention of the appropriate Commission personnel. A copy of this filing is being sent to all parties of record.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,

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Enclosures

cc: Office of Public Counsel
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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
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In the Matter of the Application of the)
Mid-Missouri Group and the Small)
Telephone Company Group of)
Incumbent Local Exchange Companies)
for Designation as Telecommunications)
Company Carriers Eligible for Federal)
Universal Service Support pursuant to)
§ 254 of the 1996 Telecommunications Act.)

Case No. TO-98-49

MOTION FOR LEAVE TO FILE
STIPULATION AND AGREEMENT OUT-OF-TIME

Comes now the Small Telephone Company Group ("STCG"), through counsel, and for its Motion for Leave to File Stipulation and Agreement Out-of-Time states to the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") as follows:

1. On August 1, 1997, the STCG and the Mid-Missouri Group ("Mid-Mo") group of local exchange companies filed an Application for Designation as Eligible Carriers Pursuant to § 254 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 with the Commission. Applicants requested that the Commission designate each of the independent local exchange companies ("ILECs") as telecommunications carriers eligible to receive federal universal service support under 47 C.F.R. § 54.201(d).

2. The Commission issued an Order and Notice on August 8, 1997, setting an intervention deadline. United Telephone Company of Missouri d/b/a Sprint ("Sprint-United"), MCI Telecommunications Corporation ("MCI"), MCImetro Access Transmission Services, Inc. ("MCImetro"), Southwestern Bell Telephone Company ("SWBT"), and Sprint Communications Company, L.P. ("Sprint") filed timely applications to intervene and were granted intervention by

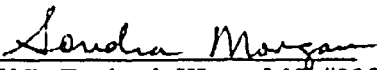
the Commission. GTE Midwest Incorporated ("GTE") filed an application to participate without intervention which was also granted.

3. On October 1, 1997, the parties held an early prehearing conference at which time the parties indicated that no party intended to request a hearing in this matter and that a Stipulation and Agreement would be prepared and filed with the Commission. The parties indicated they would file the Stipulation and Agreement with the Commission by October 15, 1997.

4. Due to the press of other business, particularly matters pending before the Commission, the parties were not able to complete the Stipulation and Agreement by that date. All of the parties to the case have signed the Stipulation and Agreement which is being filed on this date.

Wherefore, for the reasons stated above, the STCG respectfully requests that the Commission grant its Motion for Leave to File Stipulation and Agreement Out-of-Time and accept the Stipulation and Agreement filed on this date as the agreement of the parties to this case as well as any other orders which are deemed necessary or convenient.

Respectfully submitted,


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Certificate of Mailing

The undersigned hereby certifies that a true copy of the foregoing Motion for Leave to File Stipulation and Agreement Out of Time was mailed on October 23, 1997, by prepaid United States mail to the following:

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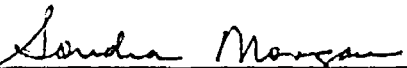
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