

Hughes Reply Affidavit – Attachment A

McLeodUSA

June 29, 2001

Mr. Dale Hardy Roberts
Missouri Public Service Commission
301 West High Street, Suite 350
Jefferson City, MO 65101

Re: Interconnection Agreement Amendment

Dear Judge Roberts:

On May 23, 2001, McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, Inc. ("McLeodUSA") filed an Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement - Missouri by and between McLeodUSA and Southwestern Bell Telephone Company ("SWBT"), collectively the "Parties", to include the Appendix DSL as Attachment 25. The Amendment included the following statement on page 1 numeral 6:

- (6) The parties agree that this amendment will become effective immediately upon signature.

In response to the Commission's request, the purpose of this letter is to clarify that it is not the intent of the Parties to question the authority of the Commission or to attempt to circumvent the FTA Section 252(e) approval process. The Parties recognize the Commission's authority to approve or reject the Modification and agree that it will not be effective until approved by this Commission.

The Parties respectfully request expeditious approval of the Modification and apologize for any inconvenience that this may have caused the Commission.

Sincerely,



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