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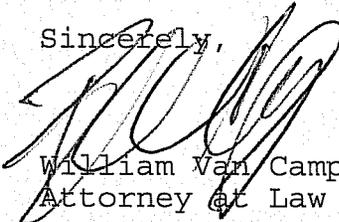
Re: In the Matter of the Establishment of Switched Access Rates
for the Local Exchange Carriers Association - Docket TC06-079

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

Enclosed please find an original and ten copies of AT&T's Petition
to Intervene in this docket.

By a copy of this letter I am serving by mail the persons on the
service list.

Sincerely,



William Van Camp
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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
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IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTABLISHMENT) TC06-079
OF SWITCHED ACCESS RATES FOR THE)
LOCAL EXCHANGE CARRIERS) PETITION TO INTERVENE
ASSOCIATION)

Pursuant to ARSD 20:10:01:15.02 AT&T Communications of the Midwest, Inc. ("AT&T"), by its undersigned counsel, petitions the Commission as follows:

1. AT&T is a certificated communications company under the jurisdiction of the Commission.

2. Local Exchange Carriers Association (LECA) filed with the Commission a revised switched access tariff request.

3. AT&T recognizes this is a late filed petition for intervention. However, nothing of substance has occurred in this docket. LECA made only an initial filing. Verizon and Midcontinent Communications have petitioned to intervene. The questions presented by AT&T's proposed intervention in the LECA docket constitutes a matter of public interest. Overstated switched access rates by the Association as a whole would constitute an undue burden upon Petitioner and Petitioner's customers, thus affecting a substantial segment of telephone traffic in the state.

4. AT&T has a direct interest in the outcome of this proceeding. As a competitive local exchange carrier and long distance carrier, AT&T and its customers are subject to the payment of switched access charges in order to do business with LECA members. Increases in access rates generally increase the cost of doing business for AT&T and increase the cost of services that AT&T provides to its customers.

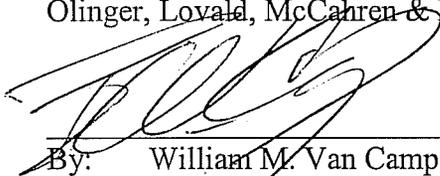
5. AT & T is an intervener in the 05 Switched Access Dockets

RELIEF REQUESTED

WHEREFORE AT&T prays that the Commission permit its intervention and participation in this proceeding to examine and cross-examine witnesses, participate in discovery and offer evidence on its own behalf.

Dated this 5th day of August, 2006.

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ASSOCIATION)

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

William M. Van Camp hereby certifies that on the 15th day of August, 2006, he mailed by United States mail, first class postage thereon prepaid, a true and correct copy of the foregoing in the above-captioned action to the following at their last known addresses, to-wit:

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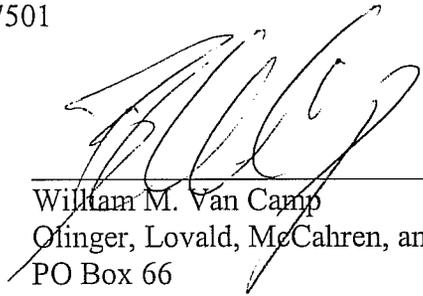
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