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**BEFORE THE
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Illinois Commerce Commission)
On Its Own Motion)
vs)
Illinois Bell Telephone Company)
Investigation into tariff providing unbundled)
Local switching with shared transport)

ICC Docket No. 00-0700

**PETITION TO INTERVENE
Z-TEL COMMUNICATIONS, INC.**

Z-Tel Communications, Inc. ("Z-Tel"), pursuant to Rule 762.210 of the Illinois Administrative Code, files this Petition to Intervene and as grounds thereof states:

1. Z-Tel is a competitive local exchange carrier with a principal place of business at 601 South Harbour Island Blvd., Tampa, Florida 33602. Z-Tel offers integrated local, long distance, and enhanced services packages to residential consumers in 12 states including Illinois.

2. In providing the local exchange component of its service offering, Z-Tel relies on unbundled network elements ("UNEs") purchased from incumbent local exchange carriers, such as Illinois Bell Telephone Company ("IBT" or "Ameritech"). Because of its reliance on incumbent UNEs, rates set by the Commission in this proceeding will directly and substantially affect Z-Tel's cost of providing service to residential consumers in Illinois. Therefore, Z-Tel has an important interest in this proceeding.

3. Should the Commission grant this request, the following individuals should be added to this proceeding's service list:

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WHEREFORE, Z-Tel requests that its Petition to Intervene be granted and that it be accorded full party status in this docket.

Respectfully submitted,



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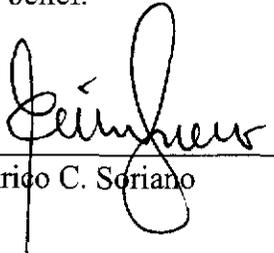
Dated: November 17, 2000

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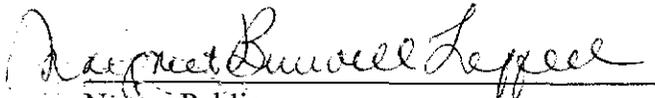
VERIFICATION

I, Enrico C. Soriano, being first duly sworn, depose and state that I am an attorney for Z-Tel Communications, Inc. and that I have read the foregoing Petition to Intervene of Z-Tel Communications, Inc. and know the contents thereof and that the statements therein contained are true, to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

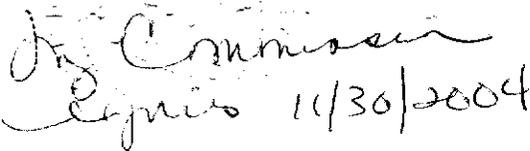


Enrico C. Soriano

Subscribed and Sworn to before me
this November 17, 2000.



Notary Public


Enrico 11/30/2004

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Charles M. Hines III, hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing "**Petition to Intervene of Z-Tel; IL CC Docket No. 00-0700**" was delivered this 17th day of November, 2000 to the individuals on the following list:

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