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DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Investigation by the Department on its own)

Motion as to the Propriety of the Rates and) D.T.E. 98-57

Charges Set Forth in M.D.T.E. Nos. 14 and 15) (Phase III)

MOTION TO INTERVENE

Z-TEL COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

Pursuant to 220 CMR § 1.03, Z-Tel Communications, Inc., by its attorneys, hereby moves to intervene fully in the above-captioned proceeding.

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 Massachusetts.

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 Bell Atlantic. Because of its reliance on Bell Atlantic's UNEs, rates for these items set by the Commission in this proceeding could directly and substantially affect Z-Tel's cost of providing service to residential consumers in Massachusetts. 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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4. WHEREFORE, Z-Tel requests that its Motion to Intervene be granted and that it be accorded full party status in this docket.

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