## OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

Northeast Missouri Rural Telephone Company,		)
	Complainant,	)
V.		) Case No. IC-2008-0285
AT&T Corporation		)
	Respondent.	)

## ORDER ADOPTING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

Issue Date: April 30, 2008 Effective Date: April 30, 2008

On April 29, 2008, Northeast Missouri Rural Telephone Company, on behalf of itself, AT&T Corporation, the Office of the Public Counsel, and the Staff of the Commission, filed a proposed procedural schedule that is acceptable to all parties. Since all parties accept the proposed schedule, the Commission will adopt it.

The Commission notes that the schedule includes a settlement teleconference on August 15. The Commission presumes the parties will arrange the details of the teleconference and the presiding officer will not participate. Also, the proposed procedural schedule calls for the Commission to appoint a mediator on August 25, ten days after the settlement teleconference. If, as the date of the teleconference approaches, the parties believe the appointment of a mediator to participate in that teleconference would be helpful, they may ask the Commission to appoint a mediator sooner. Finally, the proposed

procedural schedule does not make provision for the Office of the Public Counsel to file testimony. Presumably, that is because Public Counsel does not intend to file testimony. However, if Public Counsel does decide to file testimony it shall do so at the same time as Staff.

The parties shall comply with the following procedural requirements:

- (A) Testimony shall be prefiled as defined in Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.130. All parties must comply with this rule, including the requirement that testimony be filed on line-numbered pages.
- (B) The parties shall agree upon and Staff shall file a list of the issues to be heard, the witnesses to appear on each day of the hearing, the order in which they will be called, and the order of cross-examination for each witness. The list of issues should be detailed enough to inform the Commission of each issue that must be resolved. The Commission will view any issue not contained in this list of issues as uncontested and not requiring resolution by the Commission.
- (C) Each party shall file a simple and concise statement summarizing its position on each disputed issue.
- (D) All pleadings, briefs, and amendments shall be filed in accordance with Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.080. Briefs shall follow the same list of issues as filed in the case and must set forth and cite the proper portions of the record concerning the remaining unresolved issues that are to be decided by the Commission.
- (E) All parties shall bring an adequate number of copies of exhibits that they intend to offer into evidence at the hearing. If an exhibit has not been prefiled, the party offering it

must bring, in addition to the copy for the court reporter, copies for the five Commissioners, the Presiding Judge, and all counsel.

## IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. The following procedural schedule is established:

Discovery Completed - August 5, 2008

Settlement Teleconference - August 15, 2008

**RLJ Mediator Appointed by the** 

Commission - August 25, 2008

Mediation Completed - September 24, 2008

Direct Testimony – Northeast - October 15, 2008

Rebuttal Testimony – AT&T - November 14, 2008

Rebuttal Testimony – Staff (OPC) - December 12, 2008

Surrebuttal Testimony – Northeast Cross-Surrebuttal Testimony - AT&T

And Staff (OPC) - January 8, 2009

List of Issues, Order of Witnesses, Order of Cross-Examination, Order of

Opening - January 15, 2009

Statements of Position - January 22, 2009,

Hearing - January 28-30, 2009, beginning at 8:30 a.m.

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- 2. The parties shall comply with the procedural requirements set forth in the body of this order.
- 3. The hearing will be held at the Commission's office at the Governor Office Building, Room 310, 200 Madison Street, Jefferson City, Missouri. This building meets accessibility standards required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. If you need

additional accommodations to participate in this hearing, please call the Public Service Commission's Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711 before the hearing.

4. This order shall become effective on April 30, 2008.

BY THE COMMISSION

Colleen M. Dale Secretary

(SEAL)

Morris L. Woodruff, Deputy Chief Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 30<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2008.