

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

E. Wayne Taff,)	
)	
Complainant,)	
)	
v.)	<u>Case No. IC-2007-0102</u>
)	
Embarq Missouri, Inc., d/b/a Embarq,)	
)	
Respondent.)	

ORDER GRANTING EXTENSION OF TIME

Issue Date: October 24, 2006

Effective Date: October 24, 2006

On September 13, 2006,¹ E. Wayne Taff filed a complaint with the Commission against Embarq Missouri, Inc., d/b/a Embarq. On September 18, the Commission issued a notice informing Embarq of the complaint and directing it to file an answer by October 18. On October 12, Embarq filed a request for mediation, indicating its willingness to enter into third-party mediation. On October 13, the Commission ordered Mr. Taff to respond to Embarq's request and file a pleading with the Commission either agreeing to mediate or refusing to mediate.

On October 24, Mr. Taff filed a pleading requesting an extension of time to respond to the Commission's order. Mr. Taff indicates that the parties may be resolving the complaint, and that he will be able to verify resolution of this matter upon receipt of his

¹ All dates throughout this order reference the year 2006 unless otherwise noted.

November billing statement. Mr. Taff requests that his decision on mediation be postponed until November 23. At that date, Mr. Taff will know for certain if his complaint will be settled and whether he will be dismissing his complaint.

The Commission finds Mr. Taff's request to be reasonable and will grant the request for an extension of time.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. E. Wayne Taff's motion for an extension of time is granted.
2. No later than November 27, 2006, E. Wayne Taff shall file with the Commission either a status report stating if he intends to further prosecute his complaint or a notice of dismissal.
3. If E. Wayne Taff files a status report indicating his intention to further prosecute his complaint, as part of that pleading he shall respond to Embark Missouri, Inc., d/b/a Embark's request to mediate and shall state if he agrees to mediate or refuses to mediate his complaint.
4. The deadline for Embark Missouri, Inc., d/b/a Embark's answer to the complaint shall remain tolled pending E. Wayne Taff's November 27, 2006 pleading.

5. This order shall become effective on October 24, 2006.

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Colleen M. Dale', written over a horizontal line.

Colleen M. Dale
Secretary

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Harold Stearley, Regulatory Law Judge,
by delegation of authority pursuant
to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 24th day of October, 2006.