BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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Missouri Public Service Commission

In the Matter of the Application of Iowa Telecommunications Services, Inc. d/b/a Iowa Telecom for Temporary Waiver) of Compliance with the Requirement of 4 CSR 240-31.065(2).

Case No.

APPLICATION FOR TEMPORARY WAIVER

COMES NOW Iowa Telecommunications Services, Inc. d/b/a Iowa Telecom ("Iowa Telecom" or "Applicant"), pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.060(4), 4 CSR 240-3.015 and 4 CSR 240-31.040(7), and in support of its application for temporary waiver of compliance with the requirements of 4 CSR 240-31.065(2) respectfully states as follows:

1. Iowa Telecom. an Iowa corporation, is local exchange а telecommunications company subject to the Commission's jurisdiction under Chapter 392 of the Missouri Revised Statutes. Iowa Telecom provides local exchange telecommunications service to approximately 240,500 incumbent access lines in 294 exchanges located throughout Iowa. Iowa Telecom also provides local exchange telecommunications service to approximately 100 customers located in Missouri that are served from three Iowa exchanges that extend into Clark County, Nodaway County and Putnam County in northern Missouri (Athens, South Braddyville, and South Seymour Missouri exchanges). On May 25, 2000, the Commission issued its Order Approving Joint Application To Transfer Assets in Case No. TM-2000-403, which approved Iowa Telecom's joint application to purchase certain assets from GTE Midwest Incorporated, including the Missouri assets that serve the approximately 100 Missouri customers. Iowa Telecom's Certificate to Transact Business as A Foreign Corporation and Fictitious Name

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Registration were filed in Case No. TM-2000-403, and are incorporated herein by reference.

2. The principal place of business of Applicant is:

Iowa Telecommunications Services, Inc. d/b/a Iowa Telecom 115 S. Second Avenue West Newton, Iowa 50208 Tel: (641) 787-2000 Fax: (641) 787-2347

Correspondence, communications, orders, and decisions of the Commission in

this matter should be sent to:

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3. Applicant has no pending actions or final unsatisfied judgments or decisions against it from any state or federal agency or court which involve customer service or rates, which action, judgment or decision has occurred within three (3) years of the date of the Application. Applicant has no annual reports or regulatory assessment fees that are overdue in Missouri.

4. Iowa Telecom requests that the Commission grant it a temporary waiver from Subsection (2) of 4 CSR 240-31.065 – Collection of MoUSF Surcharge from End-User Subscribers, which provides as follows:

(2) The surcharge shall appear as a separate line item detailed as "Missouri Universal Service Fund."

5. Iowa Telecom seeks a temporary waiver from the specific line item requirement of 4 CSR 240-2.065(2) for the bill presentation of the Missouri USF

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surcharge until April 1, 2006. Presently, the billing system aggregates the Federal and Missouri Universal Service surcharge assessment into a single line item, "Universal Service Fund" on the end user's bill. Iowa Telecom has reviewed the system requirements to change its billing system to accommodate this change for the approximately 100 access lines served in Missouri. It is anticipated that a system update can be scheduled and completed no later than March 31, 2006. In accordance with 4 CSR 240-31.040(7), 4 CSR 240-2.060(4) and 4 CSR 240-3.015, Iowa Telecom respectfully submits that good cause exists for granting the temporary waiver as requested herein.

WHEREFORE, Iowa Telecommunications Services, Inc. d/b/a Iowa Telecom respectfully requests that the Commission enter an order granting Iowa Telecom a temporary waiver of compliance from the provisions of 4 CSR 240-31.065(2) until April 1, 2006.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I do hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document has been hand-delivered, transmitted by e-mail or mailed, First Class, postage prepaid, this 6th day of January, 2006, to:

Office of the Public Counsel P.O. Box 2230 Jefferson City MO 65102

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Kevin Thompson General Counsel Missouri Public Service Commission P.O. Box 360 Jefferson City MO 65102

/s/ Larry W. Dority

Larry W. Dority

VERIFICATION

State of Iowa)) ss.County of Jasper)

I, D. Michael Anderson, being duly affirmed according to law, depose and say that I am authorized to make this affidavit on behalf of Iowa Telecommunications Services, Inc. d/b/a Iowa Telecom being the Vice President—External Affairs, and that the facts above set forth are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

D. Michael Anderson

Subscribed and affirmed to before me this 6th day of January, 2006.

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Notary Public

My commission expires on the <u>23 rul</u> day of <u>January</u>, <u>2007</u>.