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June 11, 2002

Mr. Dale Hardy Roberts
Missouri Public Service Commission
PO Box 360
Jefferson City, MO 65102

Re: Cass County Telephone

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed for filing on behalf of Cass County Telephone, please find an original and eight (8) copies of a Motion for Expedited Treatment of Tariff Filing and please find three (3) copies of the following revised tariff sheet:

PSC MO. NO. 1, Section 4, 2nd Revised Sheet 25, Cancels 1st Revised Sheet 25

The proposed revisions are to introduce new language that will allow future changes in the Federal baseline Lifeline reduction amount to be implemented through a reference to the Company's Federal Access Tariff. Similar language has been approved in the Missouri tariffs of other local exchange carriers.

Please see that this filing is brought to the attention of the appropriate Commission personnel. If there are any questions regarding the attached, they may be directed to me at the above number.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,



Sondra B. Morgan

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Enclosure

cc: Office of the Public Counsel
General Counsel
Kenneth Matzdorff

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

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| In the Matter of the Tariff Revision |) | |
| to Change the Federal Baseline |) | |
| Lifeline Reduction for Cass County |) | Case No. _____ |
| Telephone Company. |) | |

MOTION FOR EXPEDITED TREATMENT OF TARIFF FILING

Comes now Cass County Telephone Company ("Cass County") and for its Motion for Expedited Treatment of Tariff Filing pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.065(2) and 240-2.080(17) states to the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") as follows:


1. On June 5, 2002, the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") released an Order increasing the subscriber line charge ("SLC") for residential and single-line businesses from \$5.00 to \$6.00. This increase becomes effective July 1, 2002. In this same Order, the FCC also announced that the SLC will increase from \$6.00 to \$6.50 on July 1, 2003.
2. Cass County's current Lifeline tariff lists the current SLC charge, \$5.00, as the Federal baseline Lifeline reduction. Cass County's Lifeline tariff must, therefore, be revised to reflect the change in the SLC charge and, to be consistent with Federal law, the tariff must be effective July 1, 2002.
3. Cass County is on this date filing a tariff revision with a thirty (30) day effective date that will be after July 1. Therefore, Cass County respectfully requests that the Commission expedite approval of this tariff filing so that the revision can be made effective July 1.
4. If the Commission grants this request for expedited treatment, Lifeline subscribers will receive the Federal baseline reduction of the full \$6.00 rather than the current \$5.00, thus

avoiding the harm of having to pay a portion of the SLC charge.

5. This tariff filing was made as soon as possible after the company was made aware of the change in the SLC charge and the fact that it was necessary to revise the Lifeline tariff.

Wherefore Cass County Telephone Company, respectfully requests that the Commission grant its Motion for Expedited Treatment of Tariff Filing and make the tariff revision effective July 1, 2002, for the reasons stated above, and for any other relief appropriate in the circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,


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LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE

LIFELINE SERVICE

A. General (cont'd)

- b. The customer must sign, under penalty of perjury, a document certifying:
 1. He/She is receiving benefits from one of the programs in a.1 above.
 2. Name of the program(s) from which they are receiving benefits.
 3. That he/she will notify the company if he/she no longer participates in the program(s) named in a. preceding.
 - c. The premises at which the residence service is requested must be the applicant's principal place of residence.
 - d. There is only one telephone line serving the residence premises. The residence premises household (dwelling unit) shall consist of that portion of an individual house or building or one flat or apartment occupied by a single family or individuals functioning as one domestic establishment.
3. Lifeline Service is limited to one line per household at the customer's primary residence.

D. Rates and Charges

1. Service charges do not apply when Lifeline Service is added to an existing service, or is discontinued, and it is the only service being ordered.
2. Lifeline service is a reduction in the monthly local service charges normally paid by qualifying low-income consumers. Eligible Lifeline subscribers will receive a baseline credit equal to 100% of the Federal End User Subscriber Line Charge as specified in the Company's Interstate Access Tariff and a supplemental reduction in their residential access line rate for one party service of \$1.75. The components of the reduction to basic residential one-party rates are as follows:

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| State reduction in local rate: | \$1.75 |
| Federal baseline Lifeline reduction: | * |

3. All recurring or nonrecurring charges for any service other than Lifeline Service shall be billed at tariffed rates.

*Baseline amount of Federal Credit is equal to 100% of the Federal End Subscriber Line Charge as specified in the Company's Interstate Access Tariff.

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