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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of the Stoutland)
Telephone Company for Authority to Amend the Terms) Case No. TF-98-132
of a Note from the Rural Utilities Services,)
United States Department of Agriculture.)

ORDER GRANTING MOTION TO SUBSTITUTE
EXHIBIT TO APPLICATION

On February 10, 1998, the Commission approved the application for financing filed by Stoutland Telephone Company (Stoutland) on September 4, 1997. In its order, the Commission required Stoutland to file copies of all documents relating to the approved financial transactions within 30 days of the closing date.

Stoutland filed a motion on February 24, 1998, requesting permission to replace the document that had been attached to its application as "Exhibit 1." Stoutland explained that it had inadvertently attached to its application counterpart "1" of the Basis Date Agreement executed by Stoutland and the Rural Utilities Service (RUS). According to Stoutland's motion, the RUS will require Stoutland to submit counterpart "1" to the RUS to complete the financial transactions in question, and Stoutland should have filed counterpart "C" with its original application to the Commission so that counterpart "No. 1" would remain available for submission to the RUS. Stoutland attached counterpart "C" to its motion and asked the Commission to replace counterpart "1" with counterpart "C" and return counterpart "1" to the company.

On February 26, the Commission notified the parties that objections to the motion were due on March 3 and that the Staff of the Commission (Staff) should file a Memorandum by March 6, identifying any

differences between counterparts "1" and "C." No objections to the motion were filed. On March 6, Staff filed a Memorandum recommending that Stoutland's motion be granted. Staff stated that it reviewed counterparts "1" and "C" and found them to be identical.

The Commission finds that the counterparts are identical and that Exhibit 1 to Stoutland's September 4, 1997, application should be replaced with counterpart "C". The Commission will approve Stoutland's motion and order the Records Department of the Commission to replace counterpart "1" with counterpart "C" of the Basis Date Agreement and return counterpart "1" to counsel for Stoutland.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That Stoutland Telephone Company's motion is granted.
2. That the Records Department of the Missouri Public Service Commission shall replace counterpart "1" of the Basis Date Agreement attached to the September 4, 1997, application of Stoutland Telephone Company with the document (counterpart "C" of the Basis Date Agreement) that is attached to the motion described in Ordered Paragraph 1, and shall return counterpart "1" to Stoutland Telephone Company.
3. That this order shall become effective on March 17, 1998.

BY THE COMMISSION



**Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge**

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Amy E. Randles, Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.120(1) (November 30, 1995) and Section 386.240, RSMo 1994.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 17th day of March, 1998.

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