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**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a Session of the Public Service
Commission held at its office
in Jefferson City on the 27th
day of April, 2000.

In the Matter of the Application of)	
Mid-Missouri Telephone Company for Authority)	
to Extend/Renew a Loan from the United States)	
of America Acting Through the Rural Utility)	<u>Case No. TF-97-243</u>
Service Administration, and in Connection)	
Therewith to Execute a Basis Date Agreement)	
and Mortgage Note)	

ORDER DENYING MOTION FOR STATUS REPORT AND CLOSING CASE

On April 6, 2000, the Staff of the Public Service Commission (Staff) filed a motion requesting that the Commission order Mid-Missouri Telephone Company (Mid-Missouri) to file a status report concerning the extension/renewal of loan authority that was granted in the Commission's order of January 31, 1997. Staff's motion points out that ordered paragraph 4 of the Commission's order directs Mid-Missouri to "file with the Commission copies of the documents executed in compliance with this order within 30 days of their execution." Staff states that Mid-Missouri has not yet filed any such documents with the Commission and asks that Mid-Missouri be required to file a report explaining the status of the loan authority that was approved by the Commission.

On April 12, Mid-Missouri filed a response to Staff's Motion for Status Report. Mid-Missouri indicated that no funds have yet been borrowed under the loan agreement with the Rural Utilities Service (RUS) that the Commission approved. However, the loan agreement does remain

current and in effect. Mid-Missouri's response also includes an executed copy of the Basis Date Agreement that the Commission approved in its Order of January 31, 1997. Staff did not reply to Mid-Missouri's response.

Mid-Missouri's response effectively informs the Commission of the status of the loan authority as requested by Staff. Therefore, there is no need to order Mid-Missouri to file an additional status report. Furthermore, by filing an executed copy of the Basis Date Agreement that the Commission approved in its January 31, 1997 order, Mid-Missouri has satisfied the requirements of that order. This case may now be closed.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That Staff's Motion for Status Report by Mid-Missouri Telephone Company is no longer needed and therefore is denied.
2. That this order shall become effective on May 10, 2000.
3. That this case may be closed on May 11, 2000.

BY THE COMMISSION



Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

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Lumpe, Ch., Crumpton, Murray,
Schemenauer, and Drainer, CC., concur

Woodruff, Regulatory Law Judge