

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

Application of Chariton Valley Telecom)	
Corporation for Designation as a)	
Telecommunications Carrier Eligible for)	<u>File No. TA-2012-0128</u>
Federal Universal Service Support pursuant to)	
§ 254 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996)	

**STAFF REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME,
REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCE
AND STATUS REPORT**

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission and for its request and Report, states as follows:

1. On October 26, 2011, Chariton Valley Telecom Corporation (“the Company”) applied for designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier throughout the exchange of Macon, Missouri, served by Spectra Communication Group, LLP.

2. On November 18, 2011, the Federal Communications Commission issued a Report and Order in which the federal Universal Service Fund eligible telecommunications carrier criteria have been changed. The Staff is unable to discern, at this time, whether the Company meets the new criteria. For example, the FCC has moved from study areas to census blocks to determine who will be designated as the ETC in a given location. The Staff asks that this matter be continued for six months, so that the FCC can clarify the relationship of its new rules to the Company, which is affiliated with an ILEC and a CLEC, to determine which companies may receive support.

3. The Staff sent Data Requests to the Company, the responses to which were due on November 30, 2011. At the Staff’s meeting with the Company’s counsel on November 28, 2011, it agreed to suspend the time in which to reply to those Data Requests until this matter is either

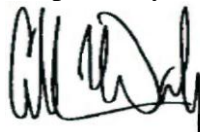
closed or the Staff determines to proceed with processing the application. The Staff asks that the Commission formally suspend the responses to the Data Requests until such time as the Staff notifies the Company that responses are due and provides a new deadline date.

4. The Staff requests that this matter not be closed, because future eligibility may hinge on having filed the ETC application prior to the FCC's release of its Report and Order.

5. The Staff requests that this filing be accepted out of time. This Status Report was due yesterday, but as the Staff Counsel was out of the office, it was not timely filed. The Staff Counsel apologizes for any inconvenience this may have caused.

WHEREFORE, the Staff requests that the Commission accept this late-filed Status Report, indefinitely suspend the date for responses to the Staff's Data Requests and continue this matter for six months, until June 29, 2012, at which time the Staff will file a Status Report.

Respectfully submitted,



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or electronically mailed to all counsel of record this 29th day of December, 2011.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "All Day".