

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

Application of Mark Twain Rural Telephone	)	
Company for Approval of an Interconnection	)	
and Reciprocal Compensation Agreement under	)	<u>Case No. TK-2007-0129</u>
the Telecommunications Act of 1996	)	

ORDER DIRECTING NOTICE AND MAKING ALLTEL
COMMUNICATIONS, INC., A PARTY

Issue Date: September 26, 2006

Effective Date: September 26, 2006

Syllabus: This order provides notice of this application to interested parties and joins the other party to the interconnection agreement, Alltel Communications, Inc. ("Alltel"), as a party to this proceeding.

On September 26, 2006, Mark Twain Rural Telephone Company ("Mark Twain") filed an application with the Commission for approval of a negotiated interconnection and reciprocal compensation agreement with Alltel under the provisions of the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996. Mark Twain states that the agreement complies with Section 252(e) of the Act in that it is consistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity, and not discriminatory to nonparty carriers. Mark Twain requests expeditious approval of the agreement.

Although Alltel is a party to the agreement, it did not join in the application. Because Alltel is a necessary party to a full and fair adjudication of this matter, the Commission will add Alltel as a party to this case.

The Act provides that an interconnection or resale agreement must be approved unless the state commission finds that the agreement discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement, or that implementation of the agreement is not consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity.¹ Section 252(e)(4) of the Act provides that if the Commission has not approved an agreement within 90 days after submission, the agreement shall be deemed approved. Therefore, the Commission will proceed with this case expeditiously. The Commission finds that proper persons should be allowed 20 days from the issuance of this order to file a motion for hearing. The Commission also finds that notice of this application should be sent to all interexchange and local exchange telecommunications companies.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. The Commission's Data Center shall send notice to all interexchange and local exchange telecommunications companies.
2. Alltel Communications, Inc. is made a party to this case.
3. Any party wishing to intervene or request a hearing shall do so by filing a pleading no later than October 16, 2006, with:

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Jefferson City, Missouri 65102

¹ 47 U.S.C. § 252(e).

and serve a copy on:

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4. The Staff of the Commission shall file a memorandum advising either approval or rejection of this agreement and giving the reasons therefor no later than October 26, 2006.

5. This order shall become effective on September 26, 2006.

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Colleen M. Dale', written over a horizontal line.

Colleen M. Dale
Secretary

(S E A L)

Harold Stearley, Regulatory Law Judge,
by delegation of authority pursuant to
Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 26th day of September, 2006.