

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

Tari Christ d/b/a ANJ Communications, et al.,)	
)	
Complainants,)	
)	
v.)	<u>File No. TC-2005-0067</u>
)	
Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, L.P.)	
d/b/a Southwestern Bell Telephone Company,)	
)	
Respondent.)	

STAFF RESPONSE

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

1. On February 11, 2013, the Commission ordered the Staff to file a response to the Motion filed by the Complainants in this matter. In the motion, the Complainants asked that the abeyance in which this matter is held be extended for another six months and, as this matter turns on a question of federal law, that the Commission write to the FCC asking them to render a decision.

2. This matter was initiated on August 27, 2004. There is no reason the Staff can find to allow this matter to continue to remain pending without further action. Many of the companies that are Complainants in this matter no longer engage in business in Missouri, but continue to be certificated due to the pendency of this matter. It should either proceed or be dismissed.

3. The Complainant's request that the Commission send a letter to the FCC should be denied. The Commission has not received any evidence and

does not have any pertinent information that it can provide the FCC to assist with its decision.

WHEREFORE, the Staff submits its Response.

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 25th day of February, 2013.

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