

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

In the Matter of the Application of Le-Ru Telephone )  
Company for Authority to Borrow an Amount Not to )  
Exceed \$9,164,700 from the Rural Utilities Service, )  
The Rural Telephone Bank, and the Federal Financing ) **Case No. TF-2000-428**  
Bank, and in Connection Therewith, to Execute an )  
Amending Telephone Loan Contract Amendment, )  
Promissory Notes, and a Restated Mortgage, Security )  
Agreement, and Financing Statement )

**ORDER DIRECTING STAFF TO RESPOND**

Issue Date: February 3, 2006

Effective Date: February 3, 2006

On August 15, 2000, the Commission issued an order that approved Le-Ru Telephone Company's financing request. One provision in that order required Le-Ru to file semiannual surveillance reports beginning January 1, 2003, and ending December 31, 2007, or when the company's equity ratio reaches 40 percent. Since 2003, Le-Ru has filed six surveillance reports and the Commission has kept this file open solely for the purpose of receiving those reports.

The Commission expects Le-Ru to continue to produce the required surveillance reports and to provide them to Staff. But the Commission questions whether those reports need to be filed in this case. To answer that question, the Commission will direct Staff to file a pleading indicating whether the semiannual surveillance reports should be filed in this case, or whether those reports should be provided directly to Staff, without being filed.

**IT IS ORDERED THAT:**

1. The Staff of the Commission shall file a pleading by February 17, 2006, indicating whether the semiannual surveillance reports should be filed in this case, or whether those reports should be provided directly to Staff, without being filed.

2. This order shall become effective on February 3, 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 )

Morris L. Woodruff, Deputy Chief Regulatory  
Law Judge, by delegation of authority  
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,  
on this 3rd day of February, 2006.