

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

In the Matter of the Waiver of Certain	)	
Rules and Statutes to Telecommunications	)	<u>File No. TE-2012-0073</u>
Companies	)	

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission and for its Motion states:

1. On August 28, 2008, §392.245.5(8) and §392.420 RSMo were amended by H.B. 1779, allowing regulated telecommunications companies to apply for or elect waivers of certain provisions of statutes and regulations.

2. On August 28, 2011, H.B. 338 added §392.461, which provides as follows:

A telecommunications company may, upon written notice to the commission, elect to be exempt from certain retail rules relating to:

(1) The provision of telecommunications service to retail customers and established by the commission which include provisions already mandated by the Federal Communications Commission, including but not limited to federal rules regarding customer proprietary network information, verification of orders for changing telecommunications service providers (slamming), submission or inclusion of charges on customer bills (cramming); or

(2) The installation, provisioning, or termination of retail service.

3. On March 16, 2012, Ellington Telephone Company ("the Company") filed a Notice of Election that comports with the Staff's recommended procedure, elects waivers consistent with §§392.245.5(8), 392.420 and 392.461, elects waivers to which the Company is lawfully entitled and establishes an election date of March 16, 2012.

4. The Staff recommends that the Commission recognize that the Company has elected the following waivers:

- 392.210.2 Accounting requirements (system of accounts)
- 392.240.1 Reasonableness of rates
- 392.270 Accounting requirements (valuation of property)
- 392.280 Accounting requirements (depreciation rates/accounts)
- 392.290 Issuance of stocks, bonds and other indebtedness
- 392.300 Transfer of property and ownership of stock
- 392.310 Approval of issuing stocks, bonds and other indebtedness
- 392.320 Certificate of Commission to be recorded-stock dividends
- 392.330 Accounting requirements (proceeds of sales of stock, bonds, notes, etc.)
- 392.340 Company reorganization
- 4 CSR 240-3.520 Applications to sell or transfer assets
- 4 CSR 240-3.525 Applications to merge or consolidate
- 4 CSR 240-3.530 Applications to issue stocks, obtain loans
- 4 CSR 240-3.535 Applications to acquire stock
- 4 CSR 240-3.545(8)(C) Listing of Waivers in Tariff
- 4 CSR 240-3.550 Telco Records and Reports (except (5)(B), (D) and (E))
- 4 CSR 240-3.555 Residential Customer Inquiries
- 4 CSR 240-3.560 Procedure for Ceasing Operations
- 4 CSR 240-10.020 Depreciation Records
- 4 CSR 240-30.020 Residential Telephone Underground Systems
- 4 CSR 240-30.040 Uniform System of Accounts
- 4 CSR 240-32.010 General Provisions
- 4 CSR 240-32.040 Metering, Inspections and Tests
- 4 CSR 240-32.050 Customer Services
- 4 CSR 240-32.060 Engineering and Maintenance
- 4 CSR 240-32.070 Quality of Service
- 4 CSR 240-32.080 Service objectives and surveillance levels
- 4 CSR 240-32.090 Connection of equipment and Inside Wiring
- 4 CSR 240-32.100 Provision of Basic Local and Interexchange Services
- 4 CSR 240-32.130-170 Prepaid Calling Cards (except 32.140 and 32.150(1))
- 4 CSR 240-32.180-190 Caller ID blocking requirements
- 4 CSR 240-33.010 Service and Billing Practice General Provisions
- 4 CSR 240-33.040 Billing and Payment standards
- 4 CSR 240-33.045 Clear identification and placement of charges on bills
- 4 CSR 240-33.050 Deposits
- 4 CSR 240-33.060 Residential Customer Inquiries
- 4 CSR 240-33.070 Discontinuance of service
- 4 CSR 240-33.080 Disputes by Residential Customers
- 4 CSR 240-33.090 Settlement agreements with residential customers
- 4 CSR 240-33.130 Operator service requirements
- 4 CSR 240-33.140 Payphone requirements (except (2))
- 4 CSR 240-33.150 "Anti-slamming" requirements
- 4 CSR 240-33.160 Customer Proprietary Network Information

5. The Staff recommends that the Commission note in its Notice Recognizing Waiver that the Company need not immediately remove any listed waivers from its tariffs, but should do so for each tariff when it is amended in the future.

WHEREFORE, the Staff recommends that the Commission issue a Notice wherein it recognizes the Election of Waivers by the Company as of March 16, 2012.

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 19th day of March, 2012.

