

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

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

STAFF MOTION

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. This year, on August 28, 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. The Staff moves that the Commission require telecommunications companies who seek or elect waivers to file a Notice of Election of Waivers into this case file. The Staff notes that the assignment of discrete file numbers to notices of election has made the granted waivers difficult to track. In this Motion, the Staff also recommends that the Commission allow companies to elect a waiver of the requirement that they list waivers in their tariffs;

therefore the use of a single file will act as a simple repository of these Notices of Election, and will significantly enhance the ability to track which companies have which waivers in the future. Should companies file Notices of Election under other file numbers, the Staff requests that the other matter be subsumed under this file number.

4. The Staff believes the following waivers are consistent with §§392.245.5(8), 392.420 and §392.461; the Staff recommends that the Commission grant them if they are requested or elected by any certificated telecommunications company:

- 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 requests that the Commission require the Notices of Election to simply state either that “the Company elects the waivers set out in Paragraph 4 of the Staff’s Motion” or that “the Company elects the waivers set out in Paragraph 4 of the Staff’s Motion with the following exceptions:...” This will allow for considerable lessening of the administrative burden to the Staff of comparing the lists of waivers to ensure that they are correct.

WHEREFORE, the Staff moves that the Commission establish the procedures whereby telecommunications companies may seek or elect waivers by filing Notices of Election as set forth above.

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 18th day of October, 2011.

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