

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

Application of Chariton Valley Telecom Corporation)
for Designation as a Telecommunications Carrier)
Eligible for Federal Universal Service Support)
Pursuant to §254 of the Telecommunications Act of)
1996.)

Case No. TO-2005-0423

ORDER SETTING PREHEARING CONFERENCE

Issue Date: June 21, 2005

Effective Date: June 21, 2005

On May 17, 2005, Chariton Valley Telecom Corporation filed with the Missouri Public Service Commission its application for designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier with respect to federal universal service support pursuant to Section 254 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. The Commission, then, issued an order directing that notice of the application be provided and setting June 9, as the deadline for requests to intervene.

On May 23, the Office of the Public Counsel filed a motion for an evidentiary hearing. Thereafter, Spectra Communications Group, LLC d/b/a CenturyTel filed a timely application to intervene. Chariton opposes CenturyTel's application.

Chariton Valley's eligibility to receive federal universal support is at issue. Also at issue is whether CenturyTel should be granted intervention. To move toward a resolution of these issues, the Commission will convene a prehearing conference.

At the prehearing conference, the parties or their representatives should be prepared to discuss the nature of any discovery each will conduct and the interval

necessary for its completion; the number of witnesses each expects to call at hearing; the number and nature of any exhibits each expects to offer at hearing; and the anticipated length of the hearing.

The parties shall jointly file a proposed procedural schedule. The proposed procedural schedule shall establish dates for the filing of a list of the issues to be determined by the Commission and statements by the parties of their position on each issue. The proposed procedural schedule shall also include a date for the filing of a list of the witnesses to be called on each day of hearing, the order in which they shall appear, and the order of cross-examination agreed upon by the parties. The proposed procedural schedule shall also suggest date(s) for the hearing of this matter.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That a prehearing conference shall be held on July 6, 2005, beginning at 10:00 a.m. The prehearing conference shall be held in Room 305 at the Commission's office in the Governor Office Building, 200 Madison Street, Jefferson City, Missouri, a building that meets accessibility standards of the Americans with Disabilities Act. If you need additional accommodations to participate in this public hearing, please call the Public Service Commission's Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711 prior to the hearing. **The parties may elect to participate in the prehearing conference by telephone by dialing 1-573-522-8028. If a party will attend the hearing by telephone, please notify the presiding Judge at 1-573-751-8518.**

2. That Spectra Communications Group, LLC d/b/a CenturyTel is directed to attend the prehearing conference for the purpose of arguing its motion to intervene.

3. That this order shall become effective on June 21, 2005.

BY THE COMMISSION

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

Colleen M. Dale
Secretary

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Kennard L. Jones, Regulatory Law Judge,
by delegation of authority pursuant to
Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 21st day of June, 2005.