

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Petition for Arbitration)
of Unresolved Issues in a Section 251(b)(5))
Agreement with U.S. Cellular.) **Case No. TO-2006-0150**

ORDER ADOPTING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

Issue Date: November 16, 2005

Effective Date: November 16, 2005

On November 2, 2005, counsel for petitioners, a number of small rural carriers¹, submitted, by electronic mail, a proposed procedural schedule. Thereafter, the Commission directed U.S. Cellular to file any objections it had to the proposed schedule. U.S. Cellular did not respond.

However, in related matters, the Commission has changed the proposed date for the filing of direct testimony from January 4 to January 6, 2006. So that these similarly situated cases are on the same procedural schedule, the Commission will adopt a procedural schedule with the proposed change of the date for the filing of direct testimony.

¹ The small rural carriers include: BPS Telephone Company; Cass County Telephone Company; Citizens Telephone Company of Higginsville, Missouri; Craw-Kan Telephone Cooperative, Inc; Ellington Telephone Company; Farber Telephone Company; Fidelity Telephone Company; Fidelity Communications Services I; Inc., Fidelity Communications Services II, Inc; Goodman Telephone Company; Granby Telephone Company; Grand River Mutual Telephone Corporation; Green Hills Telephone Corporation; Green Hills Telecommunications Services; Holway Telephone Company; Kingdom Telephone Company; KLM Telephone Company; Lathrop Telephone Company; Le-Ru Telephone Company; Mark Twain Rural Telephone Company; Mark Twain Communications Company; McDonald County Telephone Company; Miller Telephone Company; New Florence Telephone Company; Oregon Farmers Mutual Telephone Company; Ozark Telephone Company; Peace Valley Telephone Company, Inc; Rock Port Telephone Company; Seneca Telephone Company; and Steelville Telephone Exchange.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the following procedural schedule is adopted:

Simultaneous Direct Testimony	January 6, 2006
Statement of Issues and Positions	January 18, 2006
Simultaneous Rebuttal Testimony	January 20, 2006
Hearing	January 25-30, 2006
Briefs	February 8, 2006
Preliminary Arbitrator's Report	February 16, 2006
Comments	February 24, 2006
Final Arbitrator's Report	March 3, 2006
Oral Argument	March 6, 2006
Final Commission Decision	March 24, 2006

2. That this order shall become effective on November 16, 2005.

BY THE COMMISSION



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 16th day of November, 2005.