

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

In the Matter of the Request of Cass)
County Telephone Company for an) Case No. TO-2006-0435
Extension of Time To File its Annual)
Report.)

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Staff”), through counsel, and for its recommendation, respectfully states:

1. On May 12, 2006, Cass County Telephone Company filed a request for an extension of more than 30 days after the ordinary due date of April 15, 2005, to file its Annual Report, until May 22, 2006.

2. On April 12, 2006, Cass County had submitted a request by letter (available in the Electronic Filing and Information System as non-case-related submission BARE-2006-1813), as permitted by the Commission’s rule at 4 CSR 240-3.540(6), requesting a 30-day extension until May 15, and Staff had had no objection.

3. In support of its current request, the company indicated that its employees, as well as its outside auditors, have been involved in preparing the company for sale as well as other regulatory matters before the Commission, the Kansas Corporation Commission, and the Federal Communications Commission.

4. Upon reviewing Cass County Telephone Company’s request, and pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.060(4) and 4 CSR 240-3.540, Staff concludes that Cass County Telephone Company has demonstrated good cause for the granting of an additional extension.

5. The Commission’s rule at 4 CSR 240-3.540(7)(A) requires that a request of this nature be filed on or before April 15, but Staff also recommends that in light of the

circumstances that support the Commission's request to file its annual report beyond the regular due date, the Commission waive this rule requirement as well. The Commission's rule at 4 CSR 240-2.050(3)(B) states that when an act is required to be done by rule of the Commission at or within a specified time, the Commission, at its discretion, may, after the expiration of the specified period, permit the act to be done where the failure to act was the result of excusable neglect."

WHEREFORE, the Staff respectfully reports that it has no objection to an Order granting Cass County Telephone Company an additional extension of time to file its annual report, until May 22, 2006, and asks that the Commission direct Cass County Telephone Company to attach the Commission's Order to its filing when it takes place.

Respectfully submitted,

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