

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)) **Case No. TO-2006-0150**
Agreement with U.S. Cellular.)

ORDER DIRECTING FILING

Issue Date: November 7, 2005

Effective Date: November 7, 2005

On November 2, 2005, counsel for petitioners, a number of small rural carriers¹, submitted, by electronic mail, the following proposed procedural schedule:

Simultaneous Direct Testimony	January 4, 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

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.

If U.S. Cellular objects to this procedural schedule, the Arbitrator will require U.S. Cellular to file its objection. If, however, U.S. Cellular does not file an objection to the proposed procedural schedule, the schedule will be adopted as proposed.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That if U.S. Cellular objects to the procedural schedule proposed by Petitioners, U.S. Cellular shall file its objection no later than November 11, 2005.
2. That this order shall become effective on November 7, 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 7th day of November, 2005.