

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

In the Matter of Proposed New Rule 4)	
CSR 240-3.570 Regarding Eligible)	
Telecommunications Carrier Designations)	Case No. TX-2006-0169
for Receipt of Federal Universal Service)	
Fund Support.)	

STAFF’S SECOND SUBMISSION
RESPONDING TO COMMISSIONER QUESTIONS

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Staff”), and in response to requests from Commissioners during the public hearing, submits the following:

1. On January 6, 2006 and January 10, 2006, the Commission held a public hearing to receive comments regarding the Commission’s proposed new rule 4 CSR 240-3.570 establishing requirements for eligible telecommunications carrier (“ETC”) designations.
2. During the public hearing, the Staff was questioned about a Staff role in providing input on the location of cellular tower sites in the ETC’s 2-year improvement plan. The Staff drafted the attached proposed rule changes, labeled “Appendix A,” that addresses this issue. This proposed language requires ETCs to annually meet with the Commission’s Staff to review and discuss the ETC’s two-year improvement plan.

WHEREFORE, the Staff respectfully submits the attached as a proposed addition to the ETC rule.

Respectfully submitted,

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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 17th day of January 2006.

/s/ Marc Poston

Staff's proposed language in response to requests from Commissioners at the hearing on January 10, 2006.

Staff input and/or review of competitive ETC 2-year or 5-year plans:

New Section (23) – (renumber remaining rule language accordingly)

(23) Each competitive ETC seeking certification by October 1 of each year shall, no later than June 15 of each year, set up a meeting with the Telecommunications Department Staff and the Office of the Public Counsel to review and discuss the competitive ETC's proposal for the two-year improvement plan required by Section (24) below. The meeting shall include a discussion of the proposed plan and any changes to the plan that would improve coverage, service quality or capacity in unserved or underserved areas in the Missouri service area in which ETC designation was granted.

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AFFIDAVIT OF NATELLE DIETRICH

STATE OF MISSOURI)
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COUNTY OF COLE)

Natelle Dietrich, being of lawful age and after being duly sworn, states that she is employed by the Missouri Public Service Commission as a Regulatory Economist III in the Telecommunications Department, that she participated in the preparation of and read the Staff Response, filed with the Commission on January 17, 2006, that she has knowledge of the matters set forth in the filing, and that such matters are true to the best of her knowledge and belief.



Natelle Dietrich

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17th day of January 2006.

