

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

In the Matter of the Bona Fide Request of)	
Big River Telephone Company, LLC for)	
Interconnection, Services and Network)	Case No. TO-2008-0003
Elements from BPS Telephone Company)	
pursuant to 47 USC 251(f)(1))	

STATUS REPORT

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission and for its Status Report respectfully states as follows:

1. Big River Telephone Company, LLC filed a Notice of Bona Fide Request Pursuant to 47 USC 251(f)(1) on July 2, 2007.
2. On July 9, 2007 the Commission issued an Order directing Staff to conduct an investigation and to file a status report indicating when it expects to be able to file a recommendation no later than July 25, 2007.
3. A prehearing conference was held on July 18, 2007. At that prehearing conference, the parties agreed on a proposed procedural schedule. This proposed schedule was jointly submitted to the Commission, and the Commission issued an Order adopting the proposed procedural schedule on July 24, 2007.
4. Staff filed a recommendation addressing the threshold issue of whether the request Big River made to BPS was a bona fide request on July 25, 2007. Staff's recommendation also addressed the issue of how the decision in this case would affect future cases.
5. The remainder of Staff's recommendations will be addressed in the rebuttal testimony. The deadline for filing this testimony is September 7, 2007 at noon.

WHEREFORE, Staff respectfully submits this Status Report.

Respectfully submitted,

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