

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

In the Matter of the Application of Missouri)
RSA No. 5 Partnership for Designation as a)
Telecommunications Company Carrier Eligible)
for Federal Universal Service Support Pursuant)
to Section 254 of the Telecommunications Act)
of 1996)

Case No. TO-2006-0172

**PROPOSED ISSUES LIST, WITNESS LIST, ORDER OF CROSS-EXAMINATION,
AND ORDER OF OPENING STATEMENTS**

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission and states:

1. On April 7, 2006, the Commission issued its Order Modifying Procedural Schedule which directs the parties to file an issues list, witness list, order of cross-examination, and order of opening statements by June 6, 2006.

2. The Staff, the Office of the Public Counsel, (OPC), Missouri RSA No. 5 Partnership (MO 5), Mark Twain Rural Telephone Company and Northeast Missouri Rural Telephone Company (collectively Small ILECs), Spectra Communications Group, LLC d/b/a CenturyTel and CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC (collectively CenturyTel) and Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a AT&T Missouri (AT&T Missouri) agree upon the following issues:

Issues

Issue 1. Telecommunications companies seeking eligible telecommunications carrier (“ETC”) status must meet the requirements of Section 214(e)(1) throughout the service area for which designation is received. Section 214(e)(1) requires a carrier to offer the services that are supported by Federal universal service support mechanisms either using its own facilities or a combination of its own facilities and resale of another carrier’s services (including the services offered by another eligible telecommunications carrier);

and to advertise the availability of such services and the charges therefore using media of general distribution. Does MO 5 meet the requirements of Section 214(e)(1) throughout the service area for which it seeks ETC designation?

Issue 2. ETC designations by a state commission must be consistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity pursuant to Section 214(e)(2). The Federal Communication Commission's ("FCC's") *ETC Designation Order* determined that this public interest standard applies regardless of whether the area is served by a rural or non-rural carrier. Is granting ETC status to Mo 5 consistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity throughout the service area for which MO 5 seeks ETC designation?

Issue 3. In addition to the standards set out in the FCC's *ETC Designation Order*, the Commission has promulgated rules to be used in evaluating ETC applications. Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-3.570, Requirements for Carrier Designation as Eligible Telecommunication Carriers, becomes effective June 30, 2006. Does MO 5 meet the requirements of the Commission's ETC rules?

3. All parties agree on the following order of witnesses and order of cross-examination:

<u>Witness</u>	<u>Order of Cross-Examination</u>
Kathryn Zentgraf (MO 5)	OPC, Staff, CenturyTel, Small ILECs, AT&T Missouri
James Simon (MO 5)	OPC, Staff, CenturyTel, Small ILECs, AT&T Missouri
Jonathan Reeves (MO 5)	OPC, Staff, CenturyTel, Small ILECs, AT&T Missouri

Barbara Meisenheimer (OPC) Staff, CenturyTel, Small ILECs, AT&T Missouri, MO 5

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Glenn Brown (CenturyTel) Small ILECs, AT&T Missouri, Staff, OPC, MO 5

Robert Schoonmaker (Small ILECs) CenturyTel, AT&T Missouri, Staff, OPC, MO 5

James Stidham (AT&T Missouri) CenturyTel, Small ILECs, Staff, OPC, MO 5

4. All parties agree on the following order of opening statements: MO 5, OPC, Staff, CenturyTel, Small ILECs and AT&T Missouri.

WHEREFORE, the Staff proposes the above lists on behalf of itself and all other parties.

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 6th day of June, 2006.

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