

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

Application of Steelville Telephone Exchange, Inc.)
for Approval of a Traffic Termination Agreement) **Case No. TO-2006-0234**
under the Telecommunications Act of 1996)

ORDER DIRECTING NOTICE AND MAKING
UNITED STATES CELLULAR CORPORATION A PARTY

Issue Date: December 6, 2005

Effective Date: December 6, 2005

This order provides notice of this application to interested parties, joins United States Cellular Corporation (US Cellular) as a party, and directs the Staff of the Commission to offer its approval or rejection of the parties' agreement.

On December 1, 2005, Steelville Telephone Exchange, Inc., (Steelville) filed an application for approval of a traffic termination agreement with US Cellular under the provisions of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. Steelville states there are no unresolved issues and that the agreement complies with Section 252(e) of the Act because it is not discriminatory to nonparty carriers and is consistent with the public interest. Steelville requests expeditious approval of the agreement. Although US Cellular is a party to the agreement, it did not join in the application filed by Steelville.

Sections 252(e)(1) and (2) of the Act provide that an interconnection or resale agreement must be approved by the state commission unless it finds that the agreement discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement, or that implementation of the agreement is not consistent with the public interest, convenience,

and necessity. Section 252(e)(4) of the Act provides that a state commission must approve or reject an agreement reached by negotiation within 90 days after submission. If not, the agreement shall be deemed approved.

The Commission finds that notice of this application shall be sent to all interexchange and local exchange telecommunications companies. Proper persons will be allowed until December 27, 2005, to file a motion for hearing. The Commission will proceed with this case expeditiously.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the Commission's Data Center shall send notice of this application to all interexchange and local exchange telecommunications companies.

2. That United States Cellular Corporation is made a party to this case.

3. That any party wishing to request a hearing shall do so by filing a pleading no later than December 27, 2005, with:

Colleen M. Dale, Secretary
Missouri Public Service Commission
P.O. Box 360
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102-0360

and send copies to:

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and to:

Office of the Public Counsel
P.O. Box 2230
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102

4. That the Staff of the Commission shall file a memorandum advising either approval or rejection of this agreement and giving the reasons therefor no later than January 5, 2006.
5. That this order shall become effective on December 6, 2005.

BY THE COMMISSION



Colleen M. Dale
Secretary

(S E A L)

Steven C. Reed, Regulatory Law Judge,
by delegation of authority pursuant to
Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 6th day of December, 2005.