

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the matter of the Application of Oregon Farmers)	
Mutual Telephone Company to Authorize a Minimum)	<u>Case No. TO-2008-0070</u>
Depreciation Rate and to Record Depreciation)	
Expense in Excess of Such Minimum Rate.)	

ORDER DIRECTING NOTICE AND SETTING DATE FOR SUBMISSION
OF INTERVENTION REQUESTS

Issue Date: September 14, 2007

Effective Date: September 14, 2007

On September 7, 2007, Oregon Farmers Mutual Telephone Company filed an application with the Missouri Public Service Commission requesting authority to establish a minimum depreciation rate for Account No. 2212.xxx and to record depreciation expense in excess of such minimum rate pursuant to Section 392.280.2, RSMo 2000. According to Oregon Farmers' application, it is preparing to upgrade its plant in order to improve service to customers.

The Commission finds that notice of Oregon Farmers' application should be given to the general public and interested parties and that a date for intervention of proper parties should be set. The Commission's Data Center shall mail a copy of this notice to the certificated incumbent local exchange carriers (ILECs) and to the parties in the company's last earnings proceeding, Case No. TR-98-348. In addition, the Commission's public information officer shall make notice of this order available to the media serving Oregon Farmers' service territory and to the members of the General Assembly representing Oregon Farmers' service territory.

The requirement of a hearing has been fulfilled when all those having a desire to be heard are offered an opportunity to be heard. If no proper party or governmental entity is granted intervention and neither the Staff of the Commission nor the Office of the Public Counsel requests a hearing, the Commission may determine that a hearing is not necessary and make its decision based on the verified application and any additional pleadings.

In addition, the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission shall file its recommendation or a status report indicating the earliest date on which it intends to file its recommendation.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. The Missouri Public Service Commission's Data Center is ordered to serve notice on all certificated ILECs and on the parties to Oregon Farmers Mutual Telephone Company's last earnings proceeding, Case No. TR-98-348.
2. The Missouri Public Service Commission's public information officer is ordered to serve notice as set out herein.
3. Any proper person wishing to intervene in this matter shall file an application to do so no later than October 5, 2007. Such applications shall be filed with:

Secretary
Missouri Public Service Commission
Post Office Box 360
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102

with a copy served on:

Brian T. McCartney
Brydon, Swearengen & England, P.C.
Post Office Box 456
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102-0456
ATTORNEYS FOR OREGON FARMERS MUTUAL TELEPHONE COMPANY

and:

Office of the Public Counsel
Post Office Box 2230
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102

4. No later than October 15, 2007, the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission shall file either its recommendation or a status report indicating the earliest date on which it expects to file its recommendation.

5. This order shall become effective on September 14, 2007.

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Colleen M. Dale', written over a horizontal line.

Colleen M. Dale
Secretary

(S E A L)

Nancy Dippell, Deputy Chief Regulatory
Law Judge, by delegation of authority
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 14th day of September, 2007.