

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Petition for Arbitration)
of Unresolved Issues in a Section 251(b)(5))
Agreement with U.S. Cellular.) **Case No. TO-2006-0150**

ORDER SCHEDULING INITIAL ARBITRATION MEETING

Issue Date: October 7, 2005

Effective Date: October 7, 2005

On October 4, 2005, a number of small rural carriers¹ filed a petition for arbitration with the Missouri Public Service Commission pursuant to the Telecommunications Act of 1996, requesting that the Commission arbitrate unresolved issues with U.S. Cellular. U.S. Cellular's response is due October 31, 2005. The federal Telecommunications Act requires that this arbitration be completed by January 24, 2005.

Due to the short amount of time available for this arbitration, the arbitrator will immediately schedule an initial arbitration meeting. At this initial meeting, the parties will be expected to consider and propose a procedural schedule that will allow this arbitration to proceed in the time allowed by statute. Furthermore, because of the similarities between this and the Commission's Case Nos. TO-2006-0147, TO-2006-0148, TO-2006-0149 and

¹ The small rural carriers include: BPS Telephone Company; Cass County Telephone Company; Citizens Telephone Company of Higginsville, Missouri; Craw-Kan Telephone Cooperative, Inc; Ellington Telephone Company; Farber Telephone Company; Fidelity Telephone Company; Fidelity Communications Services I; Fidelity Communications Services II, Inc; Goodman Telephone Company; Granby Telephone Company; Grand River Mutual Telephone Corporation; Green Hills Telephone Corporation; Green Hills Telecommunications Services; Holway Telephone Company; Kingdom Telephone Company; KLM Telephone Company; Lathrop Telephone Company; Le-Ru Telephone Company; Mark Twain Rural Telephone Company; Mark Twain Communications Company; McDonald County Telephone Company; Miller Telephone Company; New Florence Telephone Company; Oregon Farmers Mutual Telephone Company; Ozark Telephone Company; Peace Valley Telephone Company, Inc; Rock Port Telephone Company; Seneca Telephone Company; and Steelville Telephone Exchange.

TO-2006-0151, the parties should be prepared to discuss consolidation of this matter with those cases.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That an initial arbitration meeting will be held on October 17, 2005, beginning at 10:00 a.m., in Room 305 of the Governor Office Building, 200 Madison Street, Jefferson City, Missouri. This meeting will be held in a building that meets accessibility standards required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. If you need additional accommodations to participate in this meeting, please call the Public Service Commission's Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711 before the meeting.

2. That this order shall become effective on October 7, 2005.

BY THE COMMISSION

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

Colleen M. Dale
Secretary

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Kennard L. Jones, Regulatory Law Judge,
by delegation of authority pursuant to
Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 7th day of October, 2005.