OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Embarq Missouri Inc.'s Application)	
For a Commission Finding that 55 Percent of)	
Embarq Missouri, Inc.'s Total Subscriber Access)	Case No. TO-2009-0160
Lines are In Exchanges where Its Services Have)	
Previously Been Declared Competitive)	

ORDER DIRECTING FILING OF STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Issue Date: November 3, 2008 Effective Date: November 3, 2008

On October 28, 2008, Embarq Missouri, Inc. filed an application for Declaration of Competitive Status. Embarq Missouri stated that 55% or more of its total subscriber access lines are in exchanges where its services have been declared competitive. Embarq Missouri further stated the company has met the statutory standard to be deemed competitive under Section 392.245.5(7), RSMo.

The Commission will direct its Staff to file its recommendation concerning the competitive status request.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

The Staff of the Commission shall, no later than November 13,
2008, file its recommendation.

2. This order shall become effective on November 3, 2008.

BY THE COMMISSION

Colleen M. Dale Secretary

(SEAL)

Colleen M. Dale, Chief Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri on this 3rd day of November, 2008.