

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

In the Matter of the Joint Application of)
IBFA Acquisition Company, LLC and)
American Farm Bureau, Inc. d/b/a the)
Farm Bureau Connection for Approval of)
the Acquisition of Certain Assets of The)
Farm Bureau Connection by IBFA)
Acquisition Company and for a Waiver)

Case No. XO-2005-0457

STAFF CANCELLATION RECOMMENDATION

COMES NOW the Staff of the Public Service Commission, and for its recommendation related to cancellation of American Farm Bureau, Inc. d/b/a The Farm Bureau[®] Connectionsm's certificate and tariffs in this matter, states:

1. On May 31, 2005, IBFA Acquisition Company and American Farm Bureau, Inc. d/b/a The Farm Bureau[®] Connectionsm ("Joint Applicants") filed a joint application seeking approval for the former company to acquire Missouri assets of the latter company, including but not limited to American Farm Bureau, Inc. d/b/a The Farm Bureau[®] Connectionsm's customer base. The Commission subsequently approved the sale of assets, but directed the parties to notify the Commission when the authorized transactions were complete so the Commission could cancel American Farm Bureau, Inc. d/b/a The Farm Bureau[®] Connectionsm's certificate and tariffs.

2. As requested by American Farm Bureau, Inc. d/b/a The Farm Bureau[®] Connectionsm in its *Notice of Closing of Transaction and Renewal of Request for Cancellation*, Staff recommends that the Commission cancel the certificates of service authority granted to American Farm Bureau, Inc. d/b/a The Farm Bureau[®] Connectionsm to provide interexchange telecommunications service in Case No. TA-97-99 and to provide basic local

telecommunications service in Case No. CA-2004-0131, as well as its interexchange tariff, Missouri P.S.C. Tariff No. 1. The company owes no assessments or annual reports.

WHEREFORE, the Staff recommends that the Commission cancel the certificates of service authority granted to American Farm Bureau, Inc. d/b/a The Farm Bureau[®] Connectionsm to provide interexchange telecommunications service in Case No. TA-97-99 and to provide basic local telecommunications service in Case No. CA-2004-0131, as well as its tariff, Missouri P.S.C. Tariff No. 1.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, or transmitted by facsimile or electronically mailed to all counsel of record this 16th day of November 2005.

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