BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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In the Matter of the Application of Craw-Kan Telephone Cooperative, Inc. and Craw-Kan Communications Systems, Inc. for Waiver of Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-33.150(4)

Case No._____

APPLICATION FOR WAIVER OF COMMISSION RULE 4 CSR 240-33.150 AND REQUEST FOR EXPEDITED TREATMENT

COME NOW Craw-Kan Telephone Cooperative, Inc. ("Craw-Kan" or Company) and Craw-Kan's wholly owned subsidiary Craw-Kan Communications Systems, Inc. ("CKC") and for their request for waiver of Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-33.150(4) state to the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") as follows:

INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY

1. Currently, Craw-Kan offers interexchange telecommunications to its Missouri customers through a wholly-owned affiliate – CKC. As of January 1, 2011, all long distance service will be provided by Craw-Kan itself. Craw-Kan has filed a tariff adoption notice and also notified the PSC records department of this transfer of the interexchange (IXC) certificate. (*See* Attachments A and B.) Both entities have waived the Missouri PSC statutes requiring approval of mergers, consolidations, reorganizations, and transfers. (*See* File Nos. IE-2011-0080 and XE-2011-0089.) Accordingly, no prior PSC approval is required for this transfer.

2. The Companies are both Kansas corporations duly authorized to conduct business in Missouri, with principal offices located at 200 North Ozark, P.O. Box 100, Girard, KS 66743. A copy of Craw-Kan's Certificate of Good Standing from the Missouri Secretary of State was filed in Case No. TC-2002-1077, and a Copy of CKC's Certificate of Good Standing was filed in Case No. XE-2011-0089. These certificates are incorporated herein by reference pursuant to Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.060(1)(G).

3. Craw-Kan is a member-owned telephone cooperative, a "local exchange telecommunications company", a "public utility," and is duly authorized to provide "telecommunications service" within the State of Missouri as each of those terms is defined in Section 386.020, RSMo.

4. CKC is duly authorized to provide "interexchange services" and "telecommunications services" within the State of Missouri as each of those terms is defined in Section 386.020.

5. All correspondence, communications, and orders and decisions of the Commission issued in this matter should be sent to:

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6. The companies have no pending action or final unsatisfied judgments or decisions against them from any state or federal agency or court that involve customer service or rates, which action, judgment or decision has occurred within three (3) years of the date of the Application. No Missouri annual reports or assessment fees are overdue.

REQUEST FOR WAIVER

7. Although no Commission approval is required for this transaction, the PSC antislamming rule still contains language that would appear to require Commission approval. However, the Commission has recently granted a waiver of this rule under similar circumstances.

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See Case No. TM-2011-0079, Order Dismissing Application, issued October 20, 2010, ordered ¶2. Accordingly, Craw-Kan and CKC hereby request waiver of Commission rule 4 CSR 240-33.150(4). Because Craw-Kan is adopting the CKC IXC tariffs, CKC's existing IXC customers will continue to be served by the same personnel under the same rates, terms and conditions. This transfer should therefore be transparent to the cooperative's customers. Customers will continue to receive billing statements for both local and long distance service on one bill.

REQUEST FOR EXPEDITED TREATMENT

8. Craw-Kan and CKC intend to complete the transaction on December 31, 2010, and therefore request approval on or before December 21, 2010. This will allow Craw-Kan to transfer the IXC operations of its wholly-owned affiliate CKC by the end of the calendar year. There will be no negative effect on existing IXC customers or the general public because CKC's IXC customers will be served by CKC's parent company – Craw-Kan – under the same rates, terms and conditions. This pleading was filed as soon as it could have been.

WHEREFORE, Company hereby requests that the Commission grant its application for waiver of 4 CSR 240-33.150(4) on or before December 21, 2010 and grant such other relief as is warranted under the circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

A copy of this document was served on the following parties by e-mail on this 30^{th} day of November, 2010.

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