

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

In the Matter of the Application of)
ALEC, Inc. for Certificates of Service)
Authority to Provide Basic Local)
Exchange Telecommunications Services)
and Interexchange Telecommunications)
Services in the State of Missouri and to)
Classify Those Services and the)
Company as Competitive)

Case No. TA-2009-0137

MOTION FOR EXTENSION

COMES NOW, ALEC, Inc. (“ALEC”), by counsel, and respectfully states the following in support of its Motion for Extension (“Motion”) with respect to the above-captioned proceeding:

1. On October 15, 2008, ALEC filed an application requesting a certificate of service authority to provide basic local and interexchange telecommunications services, and for competitive classification.
2. On November 6, 2008, the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Staff”) sent a letter to ALEC explaining that ALEC’s application either lacks the requested financial information or fails to pass the financial tests.
3. On November 18, 2008, Staff filed its first Status Report requesting an extension until December 19, 2008, to file its recommendation. On November 18, the Commission granted that motion.
4. On December 10, 2008, ALEC submitted additional financial information in an effort to comply with the Commission’s application requirements.

5. On December 18, 2008, counsel for ALEC requested an opportunity to speak with Staff's financial analyst to discuss ALEC's financial information as it relates to the Commission's requirements.

6. On December 19, 2008, Staff filed its second Status Report requesting an extension until January 9, 2009, to file its recommendation. On December 19, 2008, the Commission granted that motion.

7. Due to holiday scheduling conflicts between December 19, 2008 and January 6, 2009, ALEC has not yet been able to coordinate a discussion with Staff's financial analyst.

8. Staff has indicated that it does not oppose a further extension for Staff to file its recommendation in order for ALEC to schedule a conference call with Staff's financial analyst.

WHEREFORE, ALEC respectfully requests an extension until January 31, 2009, for Staff to file its recommendation as to ALEC's application in the above-captioned proceeding.

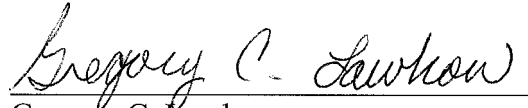
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Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or electronically mailed to all counsel of record this 7th day of January, 2009.



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