

1. On October 5, 2011, a group of small rural telephone companies filed an application requesting that the Commission open an investigatory docket to examine call rating and call completion problems in the state of Missouri.¹ The Case was docketed as File No. TO-2012-0104.

2. On October 6, 2011, Applicants filed a substantially similar application that was docketed as File No. IO-2012-0106. Applicants are also small rural telephone companies and are thus similarly-situated to the applicants in TO-2012-0104.

3. Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.110(3) allows the Commission to consolidate pending actions when those actions present “related questions of law and fact” and “to avoid unnecessary costs or delay.”

4. The two applications are substantially similar and the applicants are similarly-situated, so the cases are expected to involve related questions of law and fact. It will serve the interest of administrative efficiency as well as conserve Commission resources to consolidate the two cases.

5. Applicants’ counsel has been authorized to represent that: (a) counsel for the applicants in TO-2012-0104 consent to consolidation; and (b) counsel for the Commission does not oppose consolidation.

WHEREFORE, Applicants respectfully request that the Commission consolidate File Nos. TO-2012-0104 and IO-2012-0106 and grant such other relief as is reasonable under the circumstances.

¹ Alma Communications Company d/b/a Alma Telephone Company, Chariton Valley Telephone Corporation, Chariton Valley Telecom Corporation, Choctaw Telephone Company, Mid-Missouri Telephone Company, and MoKAN Dial, Inc.

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