

**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	)	Case No. TA-2009-0137
and Interexchange Telecommunications	)	
Services in the State of Missouri and to	)	
Classify Those Services and the	)	
Company as Competitive	)	

**THIRD MOTION FOR EXTENSION**

COMES NOW, ALEC, Inc. ("ALEC"), by counsel, and respectfully states the following in support of its Third 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 ("Application").

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. 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.

3. On December 10, 2008, ALEC submitted additional financial information in an effort to comply with the Commission's application requirements. On December 19, 2008, Staff filed its second Status Report requesting an extension until January 9, 2009, to file its recommendation. On December 19, the Commission granted that motion.

4. On January 6, 2009, ALEC filed its first motion for extension of time, requesting an extension until January 31, 2009 for Staff to file its recommendation. The extension was necessary in order for ALEC to complete discussions of ALEC's supplementary information with Staff. On January 7, the Commission granted that motion.

5. On January 14, 2009, ALEC held a conference call with members of the Commission's Utility Services Division. During that call, ALEC informed Staff that it would provide updated financial information after February 15, 2009 in an effort to satisfy the financial tests for a certificate of service authority. On January 21, 2009, ALEC submitted its second motion for extension of time, requesting an extension until March 31, 2009 for Staff to file its recommendation. By Order dated January 21, 2009, the Commission granted ALEC's motion.

6. On March 20, 2009, ALEC informed Staff that it would not be able to submit current financials before the March 31, 2009 deadline for Staff to file its recommendation. On March 27, 2009, ALEC informed Staff that it would file a motion for extension of time in order to provide updated financial information to Staff for recommendation by May 31, 2009.

7. Accordingly, ALEC respectfully requests that the Commission allow ALEC sufficient time to compile its financial information, and for Staff to make its recommendation to the Commission.

8. Staff has indicated that it does not oppose the extension requested for Staff to file its recommendation.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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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 30th day of March, 2009.

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