

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of a Repository Docket in which)	
To Gather Information and Assess the)	
Availability of Broadband Services in the)	File No. TW-2010-0362
State of Missouri.)	

Notice of Deferred Comments

Comes now the undersigned on behalf of Alma Communications Company, Chariton Valley Telephone Corporation, Chariton Valley Telecom Corporation, Choctaw Telephone Company, Otelco/Mid-Missouri Telephone Company, and MoKAN Dial Inc., and hereby notify the Commission that these companies are planning on deferring their comments in response to Staff's October 19, 2011 email:

As reasons herefore, these companies state as follows:

1. This docket was opened by Order of June 30, 2011, at the request of the Missouri legislature. The Order announced the Commission would attempt to report back to the legislature by December 1, 2011. It appears the Commission believed that would be ample time for the FCC to complete its National Broadband Plan.

2. As set forth in initial comments, at the time the docket was opened the parties were awaiting the FCC's completion of its National Broadband Plan.

3. The FCC has determined it is necessary to reform universal service and intercarrier compensation in order to be in a position to complete the National Broadband Plan.

4. The FCC has announced it intends to release an order tomorrow which will address universal service and intercarrier compensation reform. It is expected that any such order will be lengthy and complex, and it is possible it will not be completely reduced to writing at the time of its adoption.

5. Staff's email of October 19, 2011 requested comments or feedback from docket participants by November 4, 2011 as to the following three topics:

- A. Recommendations and potential public policy decisions on how to maximize broadband development in Missouri including increasing deployment and availability of broadband services.
- B. An identification of barriers to broadband deployment in unserved and underserved areas.
- C. Assessing advertised versus actual broadband speeds.

6. Topics A and B for which Staff requested comments or feedback will require a thorough understanding of the FCC's upcoming order in order for its impacts on Movants and their service areas can be understood. Recommended policy decisions for the future cannot be made until these impacts are known.

7. Meaningful comments will not be able to be made by November 4, 2011.

8. Mindful of the deadline to have a report back to the legislature by December 1, 2011, Movants respectfully request that they be permitted to defer their comments until there is adequate opportunity to digest and understand the FCC's upcoming order.

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