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Missouri Public  
Service Commission

Mr. Dale Hardy Roberts  
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge  
Missouri Public Service Commission  
P.O. Box 360  
Jefferson City, MO 65102

Re: Alma Telephone Company – revised Local Exchange Tariff Filing

Dear Mr. Roberts,

Please find enclosed for filing on behalf of Alma Telephone Company, three (3) copies of the following revised tariff sheets:

P.S.C. Mo. No. 3, 7<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet 30-15  
P.S.C. Mo. No. 3, 5<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet 30-16  
P.S.C. Mo. No. 3, 5<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet 30-17

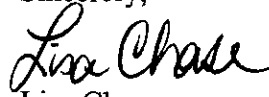
The purpose of this filing is to add provisions for low-income assistance and disabled assistance through the Missouri Universal Service Fund.

Please also find attached a copy of Alma Telephone Company's Request for Waiver. The purpose for this waiver is to exempt Alma from collecting its surcharge from its customers due to administrative costs and burdens, and permit Alma to pay the USF assessment directly from its revenue.

Please see that this filing is brought to the attention of the appropriate Commission personnel. If there are any questions regarding the attached they may be directed to me at the above number.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lisa Chase".

Lisa Chase

Enclosure

Cc: Office of Public Counsel  
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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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Missouri Public  
Service Commission

In the Matter of Alma Communications )  
Company d/b/a Alma Telephone Company )  
Request for Waiver of Compliance with )  
The Requirement of 4 CSR 240-31.065(1) )

Case No. \_\_\_\_\_

**REQUEST FOR WAIVER**

COMES NOW Alma Communications Company d/b/a Alma Telephone Company ("Alma") in accordance with Commission rules 4 CSR 240-2.060(4) and in support of its request for a waiver of compliance from the requirements of 4 CSR 240-31.065(1), states as follows:

1. Alma is an incumbent local exchange company certificated to provide services in one exchange within Missouri.

2. Correspondence, communications, orders, and decisions of the Commission in this matter should be sent to:

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3. Alma requests the Commission grant it a waiver from a portion of 4 CSR 240-31.065 – Collection of Mo-USF Surcharge from End-User Subscribers. The Commission's rule 4 CSR 240-31.065(1) directs the procedure for collecting the

Missouri USF surcharge from a company's end-users. Pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.060 the Commission is authorized to waive procedural rules for cause.

4. Alma seeks to be exempted from the collection of the Missouri USF surcharge from its end-users at this time. Its management has determined that the administrative cost and burden of passing through the surcharge to their customers is greater than the amount likely to be collected from its customers. At this time, Alma desires to pay the USF assessment directly from its revenue, and bear that cost instead of placing it on their customers.

WHEREFORE, Alma Telephone Company, based on the foregoing, respectfully requests that the Commission enter an order granting Alma a waiver from the provisions of 4 CSR 240-31.065(1) regarding the collection of the Missouri USF surcharge.

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