

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of Mid-Missouri)
Telephone Company of Pilot Grove, Missouri to)
Authorize A Minimum Depreciation Rate and to) **File No. IU-2010-0164**
Record Depreciation Expense in Excess of Such)
Minimum Rate)

ORDER DIRECTING STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Issue Date: November 30, 2009

Effective Date: November 30, 2009

On November 25, 2009, Mid-Missouri Telephone Company of Pilot Grove, Missouri ("Mid-Missouri") filed an application with the Commission for an accounting authority order to book depreciation rates on new equipment in excess of depreciation rates currently allowed for ratemaking purposes. Specially, Mid-Missouri requests that the Commission establish its current depreciation rate for Account No. 2212 of 6.7% as its "minimum" rate, and authorize a depreciation rate in excess of the minimum rate (20% for five years) to allow for accelerated depreciation of switch equipment to be placed in service on December 31, 2009. Mid-Missouri requests that the accelerated rate become effective on January 1, 2010. Consequently, the Commission will order its Staff to file a recommendation regarding Mid-Missouri's application.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission shall file a recommendation as directed above no later than December 17, 2009.

2. This order shall become effective immediately upon issuance.

BY THE COMMISSION



Steven C. Reed
Secretary

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Harold Stearley, Senior Regulatory Law Judge,
by delegation of authority pursuant to
Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 30th day of November, 2009.