## BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

NuVox Communications of Missouri, Inc.,	)
Complainant,	)
v. Southwestern Bell Communications Company d/b/a AT&T Missouri,	)
Respondents.	) )

## ORDER ADOPTING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

Issue Date: August 17, 2009 Effective Date: August 17, 2009

The Commission has reviewed the parties' jointly proposed procedural schedule and finds it to be generally acceptable. The Commission finds that the following conditions shall be applied:

- (A) The parties shall agree upon, and the Staff shall file, a list of the issues that the parties believe are in dispute and that require decision from the Commission. If the parties are unable to agree, each party shall file a separate list of issues.
- (B) The parties shall agree upon, and the Staff shall file, a list of the witnesses to appear on each day of the hearing, the order in which they will be called, and the order of cross-examination for each witness.
- (C) The parties shall agree upon, and the Staff shall file, a list delineating the order of opening statements.
- (E) Each party shall file a statement of its position on each disputed issue. Such statement shall be simple and concise, and shall not contain argument about why the party believes its position to be the correct one.

- (F) The parties may, at their discretion, file pre-hearing briefs.
- (G) The Commission will allow one round of post-hearing briefs and one round of reply briefs.
- (H) In conjunction with its post-hearing brief, each party shall file proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law, including citations to testimony and other evidence.
- (I) All parties are required to bring an adequate number of copies of exhibits that they intend to offer into evidence at the hearing. If an exhibit has not been prefiled, the party offering it should bring, in addition to the copy for the court reporter, copies for the five Commissioners, the Presiding Judge, and all counsel.
- (J) The Commission's standard practice is that hearing transcripts will be available no later than ten business days following the close of the hearing. If any party seeks to expedite the filing of the transcript, such request shall be tendered in writing to the Regulatory Law Judge at least five days prior to the date of the hearing.
- (K) In the event that the parties reach a settlement of all of the issues, such settlement shall not be grounds for a continuance of the hearing unless the agreement is final, has been submitted to the Commission in writing, and there are no objections to the agreement.

## THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The following procedural schedule is established:

NuVox Direct Testimony - December 1, 2009

AT&T Missouri Rebuttal Testimony - February 1, 2010

Staff Testimony - March 1, 2010

NuVox and AT&T Missouri Surrebuttal

Testimony - April 1, 2010

Issues List, List of Witnesses, Order of Cross-Examination and Order of Opening Statements

- April 8, 2010

**Position Statements** 

April 22, 2010

**Evidentiary Hearing** 

May 4-5, 2009,

beginning at 8:30 a.m.

**Briefing Schedule** 

To be determined

2. The hearing will be held in the offices of the Missouri Public Service Commission at the Governor Office Building, Room 310, 200 Madison Street, Jefferson City, Missouri. This hearing will be held in a building that meets accessibility standards required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. Any person who needs additional accommodations to participate in this hearing should call the Public Service Commission's Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711 before the hearing.

- 3. The parties are directed to comply with the directives delineated in the body of this order.
  - 4. This order shall become effective immediately upon issuance.

BY THE COMMISSION

(SEAL)

Steven C. Reed Secretary

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

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,

on this 17th day of August, 2009.