

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

In the Matter of the Application of)
Chariton Valley Telephone Corporation)
for Authority and Approval to Issue a)
Note, Loan Agreement, Mortgage,)
Security Agreement, and Financing)
Statement, to borrow funds from the Rural)
Utility Services of the United States of)
America, and for interim financing.)

Case No. IF-2007-0278

STAFF'S RESPONSE TO COMMISSION ORDER

1. On January 24, 2007, Chariton Valley Telephone Corporation (Applicant) filed an Application for Authority and Approval to Issue a Note, Loan Agreement, Mortgage, Security Agreement, and Financing Statement, to borrow funds from the Rural Utility Services of the United States of America, and for interim financing. Concurrent with its Application, Applicant filed a Motion for a Protective Order and a Motion for Expedited Treatment.

2. On January 24, 2007, the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) issued its Order Establishing Protective Order and Directing Staff to File a Pleading Stating When It Will File a Recommendation in This Case. Staff was directed to file its response by February 2, 2007.

3. Staff states that it will file its recommendation no later than March 22, 2007. Due to the number of rate cases Staff is currently working on and the press of other business, Staff is unable to complete its recommendation before that date.

4. In its Motion for Expedited Treatment, Applicant stated that its loan approval would expire on April 20, 2007. Applicant stated that it needs Commission approval no later than March 31, 2007 in order to meet its lender's deadline. Applicant did not provide reasons

why many of the steps it needs to complete, such as scheduling a board meeting, could not be completed prior to obtaining Commission approval.

4. Staff suggests that Applicant has stated good cause for requesting Commission approval to be issued by April 10, 2007.

WHEREFORE, Staff states that it will file its recommendation no later than March 22, 2007. Staff recommends that the Commission rule upon the Application no later than April 10, 2007.

Respectfully submitted,

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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 2nd day of February 2007.

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