

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service
Commission held at its office in
Jefferson City on the 2nd day of
February, 2006.

In the Matter of the Application of Iowa)
Telecommunications Services, Inc., d/b/a)
Iowa Telecom for Temporary Waiver of)
Compliance with the Requirement of 4 CSR)
240-31.065(2).)

Case No. IE-2006-0290

ORDER GRANTING APPLICATION FOR TEMPORARY WAIVER

Issue Date: February 2, 2006

Effective Date: February 12, 2006

Syllabus: This order grants the Application for Temporary Waiver filed by Iowa Telecommunications Services, Inc., d/b/a Iowa Telecom.

On January 6, 2006, Iowa Telecom asked the Commission for a temporary rule waiver. Iowa Telecom would like the Commission to temporarily waive a Commission rule that requires it to list its Missouri Universal Service Fund surcharge as a separate line item on bills for Missouri customers.

Iowa Telecom provides local exchange service to approximately 100 Missouri customers. Iowa Telecom's bills for those customers aggregate the federal and Missouri Universal Service surcharge into one item, called "Universal Service Fund." Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-31.065(2) requires Iowa Telecom to segregate the Missouri charge and name it "Missouri Universal Service Fund."

Iowa Telecom has reviewed its billing system and believes that it can change it to comply with Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-31.065(2) no later than March 31, 2006.

Therefore, it believes that good cause exists for the Commission to waive the rule until April 1, 2006.

The Staff of the Commission filed its Recommendation on January 25. Staff noted that on March 17, 2005, the Commission entered an order in Case No. TO-98-329 that permitted certificated telecommunications companies to begin billing the Missouri Universal Service Fund surcharge on May 1, 2005. As that order allowed, Iowa Telecom began billing its Missouri customers for the Missouri Universal Service Fund, but failed to segregate the Missouri surcharge from the federal surcharge.

Staff states that it has been working with Iowa Telecom regarding this issue over the last several months. Also, Staff verified that Iowa Telecom has submitted payments to the Missouri Universal Fund Administrator as required, and has been providing applicable Missouri Universal Service Fund discounts to those eligible for them without requesting reimbursement from the fund. Staff believes that Iowa Telecom has shown good cause for the temporary waiver from the rule, and recommends that the Commission grant Iowa Telecom's request.

Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-31.040(7) allows the Commission to waive Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-31.065(2) upon good cause shown. The Commission finds that Iowa Telecom has shown good cause for temporary waiver of the rule, and shall grant the request.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the Application for Temporary Waiver filed by Iowa Telecommunications Services, d/b/a Iowa Telecom, is granted.

2. That the Commission shall waive Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-31.065(2) for Iowa Telecommunications Services, Inc., d/b/a Iowa Telecom, until April 1, 2006.
3. That this order shall become effective on February 12, 2006.
4. That this case shall be closed on February 13, 2006.

BY THE COMMISSION



Colleen M. Dale
Secretary

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Davis, Chm., Murray, Gaw, Clayton,
and Appling, CC., concur.

Pridgin, Regulatory Law Judge