

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Spectra Communications Group,)
LLC, d/b/a CenturyTel's Request for Competitive)
Classification Pursuant to Section 392.245.5,) **Case No. IO-2006-0108**
RSMo (2005).)

ORDER GRANTING INTERVENTION, RESETTING HEARING,
ADDING PARTIES, AND DIRECTING FILING

Issue Date: September 22, 2005

Effective Date: September 22, 2005

On September 9, 2005, Spectra Communications Group, LLC, doing business as CenturyTel, filed its Application for Competitive Classification pursuant to Section 392.245.5, RSMo. In its application, Spectra requests that the Commission classify all of its residential services, other than exchange access service, as competitive for the following exchanges: (a) Ewing, (b) LaBelle, (c) Lewistown, (d) Macon, and (e) Savannah. In addition, Spectra requests competitive classification of all of its business services, other than exchange access service, in the following exchanges: (a) Ewing, (b) LaBelle, (c) Lewistown, and (d) Macon.

Section 392.245.5, RSMo Supp. 2005, requires that the Commission make a determination within thirty days as to "whether the requisite number of entities are providing basic local telecommunications service . . . in an exchange and if so, shall approve tariffs designating all such business or residential services other than exchange access service, as competitive"

On September 16, 2005, NPG Cable, Inc., which does business as St. Joseph Cablevision, Inc., moved to intervene. That application is granted. NPG's Motion to Withdraw, filed on September 22, 2005, is denied.

At its Agenda Session on September 22, the Commission determined that the carriers designated by Spectra as its qualifying competitors in each exchange should be joined herein as parties in order to facilitate the Commission's review of Spectra's application. Because the evidentiary hearing on Spectra's application is set for tomorrow, September 23, that hearing must now be reset to September 28, 2005.

Finally, the Commission requires further information from the parties. In pertinent part, Section 392.245.5, RSMo Supp. 2005, provides:

Each telecommunications service offered to residential customers, other than exchange access service, of an incumbent local exchange telecommunications company regulated under this section shall be classified as competitive in an exchange in which at least two non-affiliated entities in addition to the incumbent local exchange company are providing basic local telecommunications service to residential customers within the exchange.

The rule for business customers is the same. Accordingly, the Commission will direct each of the carriers joined as parties in this order, and NPG Cable, Inc., to file a verified pleading stating, for each exchange under consideration in this proceeding, whether or not it has at least two residential customers and two business customers whose addresses are located within that exchange.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the Application to Intervene filed on September 16, 2005, by NPG Cable, Inc., doing business as St. Joseph Cablevision, Inc., is granted. The Commission's Data Center shall serve a copy of this order on NPG Cable, Inc., doing

business as St. Joseph Cabelevision, Inc., and add it to the service list maintained in this case.

2. That the Motion to Withdraw filed on September 22, 2005, by NPG Cable, Inc., doing business as St. Joseph Cabelevision, Inc., is denied.

3. That the following carriers are added as parties herein: Mark Twain Communications Company, Chariton Valley Telecom Corporation, ALLTEL Communications, Inc., United States Cellular Corporation, Sprint Spectrum L.P., doing business as Sprint PCS, Southwestern Bell Wireless LLC, doing business as Cingular, Nextel West Corporation, T-Mobile USA, Inc., and those entities that do business as Verizon Wireless, including Verizon Wireless, Cybertel Cellular Telephone Company, CMT Partners, CELLCO Partnership, Ameritech Cellular, and Ameritech Mobile Communications. The Commission's Data Center shall serve a copy of this order on each of these carriers and add them as parties to the service list maintained in this case.

4. That the hearing presently set for September 23, 2005, in this matter is cancelled.

5. That an evidentiary hearing will be set for September 28, 2005, beginning at 8:30 a.m., in Room 305 of the Governor Office Building, 200 Madison Street, Jefferson City, Missouri. The Governor Office Building meets accessibility standards required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. If you need additional accommodations to participate in the hearing, please call the Public Service Commission's Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711 prior to the hearing.

6. That the carriers listed in Ordered Paragraph No. 3, above, shall each file a verified pleading, on or before 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 27, 2005, stating, for

each exchange under consideration in this proceeding, whether or not it has at least two residential customers and two business customers whose addresses are located within that exchange. The exchanges under consideration are: Ewing, LaBelle, Lewistown, Macon, and Savannah.

7. That this Order shall become effective on September 22, 2005.

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Colleen M. Dale', written over a horizontal line.

Colleen M. Dale
Secretary

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Kevin A. Thompson, Deputy Chief
Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation
of authority pursuant to
Section 386.240, RSMo 2000

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 22nd day of September, 2005.