

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

In the Matter of the Joint Notification by Iowa)
Telecommunications Services, Inc. d/b/a Iowa)
Telecom, Windstream Corporation, and Buffalo)
Merger Sub, Inc, of Agreement and Plan of Merger;)
And the Application of Buffalo Merger Sub, Inc. for)
Issuance of Certificates of Service Authority and)
Waiver of Commission Rules.)

File No. IM-2010-0186

ORDER DIRECTING STAFF TO FILE RECOMMENDATION

Issue Date: January 12, 2010

Effective Date: January 12, 2010

On December 18, 2009, Iowa Telecommunications Services, Inc., d/b/a Iowa Telecom, Windstream Corporation, and Buffalo Merger Sub, Inc. filed a Joint Notification of Agreement and Plan of Merger, and an Application for Certificates of Service Authority and Waiver of Commission Rules. The Commission issued notice of the filing and established January 11, 2010, as the deadline for the filing of applications to intervene. No party has requested intervention.

Before acting on the application, the Commission will direct its Staff to file a recommendation.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The Commission's Staff shall file its recommendation regarding the Joint Notification of Agreement and Plan of Merger, and Application for Certificates of Service Authority and Waiver of Commission Rules no later than February 11, 2010.

2. This order shall become effective immediately upon issuance.

BY THE COMMISSION



**Steven C. Reed
Secretary**

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Morris L. Woodruff, Chief Regulatory
Law Judge, by delegation of authority
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 12th day of January, 2010.