

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

In the Matter of the Application of Northeast )  
Missouri Rural Telephone Company for Three )  
Years' Standing Authority to Issue Notes )  
and/or Loans from the Rural Utility Services of )  
the United States of America and from the )  
Rural Telephone Bank in Order to Refinance )  
Portions of Previously Authorized Loans and )  
Execute Any Related Liens or Encumbrances )  
on Assets, If Any. )

Case No. IF-2005-0112

**STAFF RESPONSE TO ORDER DIRECTING FILING**

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission and for its response states:

1. On November 30, 2004, the Commission issued an Order Approving Financing which granted Northeast Missouri Rural Telephone Company (Northeast) standing authority for a period of three years in which to refinance any or all of the loan authority granted in Case No. TF-97-276. The Order also directs Northeast to file the final terms and conditions for any refinancing that Northeast completes within thirty (30) days of the completion of such transaction or transactions.

2. On April 29, 2005, Northeast filed a Status Report describing the March 25, 2005 refinancing of seven notes.

3. On May 24, 2005, the Commission directed the Staff to file a pleading regarding whether this case may now be closed.

4. The Staff suggests that this case may now be closed. If Northeast completes further refinancings as authorized by the Order Approving Financing, Northeast's subsequent filings of the final terms and conditions will re-open the case.

WHEREFORE, the Staff suggests this case may now be closed.

Respectfully submitted,

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