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Missouri Public Service Commission

Re: Case No. IO-2006-0551

Dear Mr. Dale:

On June 29, 2006, Embarq Missouri, Inc., filed its Application for Competitive Classification pursuant to Section 392.245.5, RSMo for residential service in the following exchanges: Buckner, Lake Lotawana, Oak Grove, Odessa, and Pleasant Hill exchanges. The Application inadvertently left off the required verification statement. Please accept the attached Application with a substitute final page which includes the necessary verification. A Motion to accept the substitute Application is also included.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Linda K. Gardner

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In The Matter of Embarq Missouri, Inc. Application for Competitive Classification Under Section 392.245.5 RSMo. (2005)

) Case No. 10-2006-0551



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MOTION TO SUBSTITUTE APPLICATION FOR COMPETITIVE CLASSIFICATION

COMES NOW Embarg Missouri, Inc. ("Embarq") and requests the Commission allow it to substitute the attached Application for its previously filed Application for Competitive Classification ("Application"). In support of its Motion, Embarg states as follows:

1. On June 22, 2006 Embard filed an Application for Competitive Classification in its Buckner, Lake Lotawana, Oak Grove, Odessa, and Pleasant Hill. This Application inadvertently left off the required verification statement.

2. Accompanying this Motion is a revised Application which is identical to the filed

Application except that it includes the necessary verification statement.

3. No party will be prejudiced by allowing Embarq to substitute this Application for the previously filed Application.

WHEREFORE Embarq respectfully requests the Commission grant its Motion. In addition, Embarq requests that the previously requested effective date not be altered.

Respectfully submitted,

Embarq Missouri, Inc.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that on this 3rd day of July, 2006, a copy of the above and foregoing document was served via electronic mail, facsimile or U.S. Mail, postage prepaid to each of the following:

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Case No. TO-2006-0498

APPLICATION FOR COMPETITIVE CLASSIFICATION

COMES NOW Embarq Missouri, Inc. ("Embarq Missouri") and hereby requests the Commission approve Embarq Missouri's Application for Competitive Classification under Section 392.245.5 RSMo (2005). Embarq Missouri is seeking competitive classification for all residential services, other than exchange access service, offered in its Buckner, Lake Lotawana, Oak Grove, Odessa, and Pleasant Hill exchanges. In support of its Application, Embarq Missouri states as follows:

1. Embarq Missouri is a public utility and a telecommunications company, as those terms are defined in Section 386.020(42) and (51) RSMo 2000. Embarq Missouri is a large incumbent local exchange telecommunications company and is subject to Price Cap Regulation under Section 392.245.

2. Missouri Revised Statutes §392.245.5 (2005) allows carriers subject to Price Cap Regulation to seek competitive classification for each telecommunications service offered to business and residential customers, other than exchange access service, in any exchange in which at least two non-affiliated entities are providing basic local telecommunications service to customers within the exchange.

3. Embarq Missouri faces growing and intense residential competition from at least two non-affiliated entities in its Buckner, Lake Lotawana, Oak Grove, Odessa, and Pleasant Hill

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exchanges. More specifically, Embarq Missouri faces competition from numerous non-affiliated wireless providers and from wireline carriers using their own facilities, in whole or in part, to provide basic local telecommunications services.

4. Embarq Missouri has numerous non-affiliated wireless providers operating in its Buckner, Lake Lotawana, Oak Grove, Odessa, and Pleasant Hill exchanges providing local service. Exhibit A identifies the following wireless carriers providing local service to business and residential customers in these exchanges: Sprint, Cingular, Verizon, Alltel, T-Mobile, and US Cellular (See Exhibit A). Section 392.245.5(1) RSMo (2005) recognizes that commercial mobile service providers shall be considered as entities providing basic local telecommunications service, provider man only one such non-artificed providet shall be considered as providing basic local telecommunications service within an exchange. Section 392.245.5(2) RSMo (2005), also recognizes wireline carriers providing local phone service, in whole or in part, over telecommunications facilities it owns as competing entities that providing basic local telecommunications services in competition with Embarq Missouri.

5. Comcast offers local phone service to residential customers in direct competition with Embarq Missouri in Embarq Missouri's Buckner, Lake Lotawana, Oak Grove, Odessa, and Pleasant Hill exchanges. Comcast obtained a Certificate to Provide Basic Local, Local Exchange, and Interexchange Telecommunications Services within Missouri, including the exchanges of Embarq Missouri on June 27, 2005 (Case No. LA-2005-0417). Embarq Missouri has experienced residential customer loss to Comcast in its Buckner, Lake Lotawana, Oak Grove, Odessa, and Pleasant Hill exchanges. According to its website (<u>www.comcast.com</u>) "Comcast Digital Voice® gives you unlimited local and long-distance calling, 12 popular calling

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features you expect, plus cool new features you'll love, all this over our advanced broadband network".

6. Embarq Missouri's Application for Competitive Classification does not request any price changes. In fact, Embarq Missouri acknowledges that all rates currently in effect for these exchanges will remain in effect until such time Embarq Missouri files a tariff requesting a price change. Under current law, Embarq Missouri will be required to file tariffs for any future price changes, either increases or decreases, associated with these exchanges which will continue to require Commission approval. Furthermore, Embarq Missouri will be required to notify its customers of any future price increase. A proposed tariff reflecting the change in classification is attached as Exhibit B.

WHEREFORE Embarq Missouri respectfully requests the Commission approve Embarq Missouri's Application for Competitive Classification pursuant to Section 392.245.5 RSMo (2005). Embarq Missouri has demonstrated that at least two non-affiliated entities are providing basic local telecommunications service to residential customers within its Buckner, Lake Lotawana, Oak Grove, Odessa, and Pleasant Hill exchanges. Embarq Missouri's Application meets the statutory requirements for competitive classification and should become effective in no more than 30 days.

Respectfully submitted, EMBARQ MISSOURI, INC.

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VERIFICATION

I, Linda Gardner, an attorney and duly authorized representative of Embarg Missouri, Inc. hereby verify and affirm that I have read the foregoing Application for Competitive Classification and that the statements contained therein are true and correct to the best of my information and belief.

Linda K. Gardner

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The undersigned hereby certifies that on this 3rd day of July 2006, a copy of the foregoing

document was served via electronic mail, facsimile or U.S. Mail, postage prepaid to each of the

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