

BEFORE THE MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of a Recommendation Concerning)
the Surcharge for Deaf Relay Service and) Case No. TO-2005-0308
Equipment Distribution Program Fund.)

BIG RIVER TELEPHONE COMPANY, LLC'S
REQUEST TO INTERVENE

COMES NOW Big River Telephone Company, LLC ("Big River"), pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.075, and for its Request to Intervene states to the Commission:

1. Big River is a competitive facilities-based telecommunications company duly incorporated and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Delaware as a limited liability company and authorized to do business in the State of Missouri. Its principal Missouri offices are currently located at 24 S. Minnesota, Cape Girardeau, Missouri 63073. Big River is an authorized provider of intrastate switched and non-switched local exchange and interexchange telecommunications services in Missouri under certificates granted and tariffs approved by the Commission. Big River is also an authorized provider of interstate telecommunications services in Missouri under the jurisdiction of the Federal Communications Commission.

2. All communications and pleadings in this case should be directed to:

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3. On or about March 16, 2005, Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) filed its Motion to Open Case and File Staff Recommendation requesting that the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) open a case to review the surcharge for the Relay Missouri Fund. On or about March 29, 2005 the Commission issued its Order Establishing Case, instructing interested parties to file requests to intervene by April 12, 2005.

4. Big River seeks to intervene in this proceeding because the Commission's decision could affect Big River's interests as a provider of telecommunications services in the State. Big River is concerned about any increase to the surcharge, but takes no position at this time pending further investigation and understanding of Staff's recommendation

5. Big River's interests as a telecommunications company are different from those of the general public. Furthermore, Big River's intervention in this proceeding is in the public interest because of Big River's interest in enhancing competition and because of its expertise in the telecommunications industry.

WHEREFORE, Big River Telephone Company, LLC, respectfully requests the Commission to issue its order granting this Request to Intervene.

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Certificate of Service

A true and correct copy of the foregoing was served upon the parties identified on the attached service list on this 12th day of April, 2005, either by e-mail or by placing same in the U.S. Mail, postage paid.

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