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Missouri Public Service Commission Mr. Dale Hardy Roberts, Secretary of the Commission P.O. Box 360 Jefferson City, Missouri 65102-0360

Re: Case No. TO-2003-0531

Missouri RSA No. 7 Limited Partnership

d/b/a Mid-Missouri Cellular

Dear Mr. Roberts:

On August 6, 2004, Mr. Kevin Dawson, General Manager of Mid-Missouri Cellular, sent the attached e-mail correspondence to Commissioner Connie Murray. Mr. Dawson is not familiar with administrative procedure and thus did not know that the above-referenced case remains open and that his e-mail to Commissioner Murray constituted an *ex parte* communication. We are therefore submitting the correspondence for filing and serving the same on all counsel of record. We apologize for inconvenience to the Commission or parties to this case.

Sincerely,

LATHROP & GAGE L.C.

- Paul DeFord -(by dl)

By:

Paul S. DeFord

cc: Counsel for all parties of record

Subject: FW: ETC Application ---- Original Message -----From: "Kevin Dawson" <kdawson@iland.net> To: <connie.murray@psc.mo.gov> Sent: Friday, August 06, 2004 11:47 AM Subject: ETC Application > Dear Commissioner Murray, > I wanted to take a moment to thank you for your support through our > application process to secure ETC status. Your diligence in > recognizing the benefits to rural Missourians this application would have > provided is commendable. > Competitive pressures in our industry and declining revenues has made > it extremely difficult to maintain and deploy the latest technological > advancements in the rural most portions of the market often overlooked > by larger regional and national wireless carriers. You recognized our > goal of providing these services and the need to secure available > funding to assure these services were available to everyone. > Once again I appreciate your dedication to the needs of our citizens > throughout Missouri. If I can be of any assistance in the future, > please do not hesitate to contact me. > Sincerely, > Kevin Dawson > President/ General Manager

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