

MEMORANDUM

To: Missouri Public Service Commission Official Case File
Tariff File No. YI-2005-1006 Case No. IT-2005-0428
Ozark Telephone Company

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Subject: Recommendation to Approve Tariff Filing and Motion for Expedited Treatment

Date: May 23, 2005

On May 18, 2005, Ozark Telephone Company (Ozark), an incumbent local exchange company, filed a Motion for Expedited Treatment along with a proposed tariff filing to implement the Missouri Universal Service Fund. The Motion requests that the proposed tariff filing be approved on an expedited basis so that the company may begin collecting the surcharge from its customers as ordered by the Commission. On May 19, 2005, the Commission ordered Staff to file its recommendation regarding Ozark's Motion and tariff filing no later than May 26, 2005.

Ozark's tariff filing outlines the following:

- Ozark will place on each retail end-user customer's bill a surcharge equal to the Missouri Universal Service Fund percentage assessment ordered by the Commission.
- The Surcharge will appear as a separate line item detailed as "Missouri Universal Service Fund"
- The Surcharge percentage will be applied to the total of each customer's charges for intrastate regulated telecommunications services that meet the definition of net jurisdictional revenues as defined at 4 CSR 240-31.
- Lifeline assistance criteria for low-income customers.
- Lifeline assistance criteria for disabled customers.

Staff has no objections to the proposed tariff filing or to Ozark's request for expedited approval and recommends that the Commission issue an order to approve the following tariff pages at its earliest convenience:

Ozark Telephone Company PSC MO. NO. 1

Section 4

1st Revised Sheet No. 25 Cancels Original Sheet No. 25

1st Revised Sheet No. 26 Cancels Original Sheet No. 26

1st Revised Sheet No. 27 Cancels Original Sheet No. 27

The Company is not delinquent in filing an annual report and paying the PSC assessment.

The Company is delinquent. Staff recommends the Commission grant the requested relief/action on the condition the applicant corrects the delinquency. The applicant should be instructed to make the appropriate filing in this case after it has corrected the delinquency.

(No annual report Unpaid PSC assessment. Amount owed:)