

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

In the Matter of the Tariff Filing of Ozark)
Telephone Company to Add Provisions)
for Low-Income and Disabled Assistance)
Through the Missouri Universal Service)
Fund and to Add a Surcharge)

Case No. IT-2005-0428
Tariff No. YI-2005-1006

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

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

1. On May 18, 2005, Ozark Telephone Company filed tariff sheets designed to collect a surcharge and to provide assistance through the Missouri Universal Service Fund, along with a Motion for Expedited Treatment. The tariff sheets bear an effective date of June 17, 2005, but the motion requests the Commission to approve the tariff sheets as quickly as possible.

2. On May 19, 2005, the Commission directed the Staff to file its recommendation no later than May 26, 2005.

3. In the attached Memorandum, labeled Appendix A, the Staff recommends that the Commission approve the tariff sheets at its earliest convenience.

Respectfully submitted,

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