

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

In the Matter of the Investigation into the Earnings    )  
of Cass County Telephone Company.                        )     **Case No. IR-2006-0374**

**OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC COUNSEL'S COMMENTS  
ON MOTION TO INTERVENE**

The Office of the Public Counsel has traditionally not opposed the intervention of interested parties and will not do so here.

While the Public Service Commission might grant intervention to AT&T, Public Counsel hopes that AT&T's appearance will not delay the pending resolution of the triumvirate of cases that together bring the unfortunate saga of CassTel to an end from a regulatory perspective. The posture of these cases now presents a unique opportunity to resolve the issues at the same time.

With closure, Public Counsel hopes that the new owners can then move forward and concentrate on quality, innovative and advanced telecom services at an affordable price. The present course of these cases seems the best course to ensure that ratepayers have adequate and quality telecommunications without interruption under honest and stable ownership and management as soon as possible. This would promote the public interest.

**Respectfully submitted,**

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