

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matters of the Application or Petitions of)
Northeast Missouri Rural Telephone Company for)
Modifications of the Federal Communications)
Commission Requirements to Implement Number) **Case No. IO-2008-0211**
Portability and Dialing Parity for Indirectly)
Interconnected Voice over Internet Protocol Providers)

ORDER CONSOLIDATING CASES
AND SCHEDULING PREHEARING CONFERENCE

Issue Date: March 25, 2008

Effective Date: March 25, 2008

On December 21, 2007, Alma Communications Company, d/b/a Alma Telephone Company, Choctaw Telephone Company, MoKAN DIAL Inc., Chariton Valley Telecom Corp., Chariton Valley Telephone Corp., Mid-Missouri Telephone Company (Otelco), and Northeast Missouri Rural Telephone Company filed separate applications with the Missouri Public Service Commission for modifications of Applicant's obligations under Section 251(b) of the Act to provide local number portability and local dialing parity for Interconnected Voice over Internet Protocol service providers that do not obtain a local direct interconnect with applicants.

On March 14, 2008, the Applicants filed motions to consolidate the cases for purposes of a prehearing conference. In support of their respective motions to consolidate, the Applicants each state that no consensus has been reached after discussions of how the cases should proceed. Counsel for the Applicants believes a

prehearing conference of the consolidated proceedings would be an efficient way to proceed.

More than ten days have passed since the motion to consolidate was filed. Neither Staff nor Public Counsel has filed objections to the proposed consolidation.

Because the issues of fact are similar in the above –referenced cases, the cases turn on similar questions of law and fact. 4 CSR 240-2.110(3) allows the Commission to consolidate pending actions involving related questions of law or fact. Therefore the cases shall be consolidated for purposes of a prehearing conference.

The Commission will schedule a prehearing conference to afford the parties the opportunity to discuss and determine how the cases should proceed in order to resolve the issues presented.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. Case Numbers IO-2008-0205, IO-2008-0206, IO-2008-0207, CO-2008-0208, IO-2008-0209, IO-2008-0210, and IO-2008-0211 are consolidated for purposes of the prehearing conference.

2. A prehearing conference shall be held on April 10, 2008, at 1:30 p.m. in Room 310 of the Governor Office Building, 200 Madison Street, Jefferson City, Missouri, a building that meets accessibility standards of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Any person who needs specific accessibility accommodations may call the Public Service Commission's Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or 1-800-829-7541 (TDD) prior to the hearing.

3. This order shall become effective on March 25, 2008.

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Colleen M. Dale', written in a cursive style.

Colleen M. Dale
Secretary

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Colleen M. Dale, Chief Regulatory Law
Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant to
Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 25th day of March, 2008.