

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**

ORDER SHORTENING TIME TO RESPOND TO APPLICATION TO
INTERVENE

Issue Date: April 28, 2006

Effective Date: April 28, 2006

On March 30, 2006, the Staff of the Public Service Commission; Cass County Telephone Company, Limited Partnership; Local Exchange Company, LLC; FairPoint Communications, Inc.; FairPoint Communications Missouri, Inc.; and the Office of the Public Counsel filed a Stipulation and Agreement that purports to resolve Staff's investigation into the earnings of Cass County Telephone Company. On April 24, AT&T Missouri applied to intervene.

Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.080(15) provides that parties are allowed ten days from the date of filing in which to respond to any pleading, unless otherwise ordered by the Commission. AT&T Missouri filed its application to intervene on April 24, so responses to that pleading would be due on May 4. However, on April 28, FairPoint and Public Counsel filed pleadings informing the Commission of the need for a prompt resolution of this case. So that the Commission will be in a position to consider AT&T Missouri's application to intervene at its May 4 agenda, the Commission will shorten the time allowed for the filing of responses to AT&T Missouri's application to intervene.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. Any party wishing to respond to AT&T Missouri's Application to Intervene shall do so no later than May 2, 2006.
2. This order shall become effective on April 28, 2006.

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Colleen M. Dale', written over a horizontal line.

Colleen M. Dale
Secretary

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Morris L. Woodruff, Deputy Chief Regulatory
Law Judge, by delegation of authority
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 28th day of April, 2006.