

**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	)	<b><u>Case No. IT-2005-0428</u></b>
Low-Income and Disabled Assistance Through	)	Tariff No. YI-2005-1006
the Missouri Universal Service Fund and to	)	
Add a Surcharge	)	

**ORDER DIRECTING STAFF TO FILE AN EXPEDITED**  
**RECOMMENDATION**

Issue Date: May 19, 2005

Effective Date: May 19, 2005

On May 18, 2005, Ozark Telephone Company filed a motion for expedited treatment regarding a tariff that it filed along with its motion. The motion explains that Ozark has filed a tariff that will allow it to provide low-income and disabled assistance to its customers through the Missouri Universal Service Fund. The tariff will also authorize the company to collect a Missouri Universal Service Fund surcharge from its customers. The Commission has allowed telecommunications companies, such as Ozark, to bill such a surcharge beginning on May 1, 2005. The motion indicates that Ozark did not file its tariff to implement the surcharge earlier because of an error by its counsel. Ozark's tariff indicates that it will take effect on June 17, but Ozark requests that the Commission approve the tariff to become effective as quickly as possible.

If the Commission is to act on Ozark's request for expedited approval of its tariff, it will need to have an expedited recommendation from its Staff.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. That the Staff of the Commission shall file a recommendation regarding Ozark Telephone Company's Motion for Expedited Treatment, and its accompanying tariff, no later than May 26, 2005.

2. That this order shall become effective on May 19, 2005.

**BY THE COMMISSION**

Colleen M. Dale  
Secretary

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

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,  
on this 19th day of May, 2005.