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HAND DELIVERY

Mr. Dale Hardy Roberts Secretary/Chief Regulatory Judge Missouri Public Service Commission P. O. Box 360 Jefferson City, MO 65102 JUN - 5 2003

Service Commission

Re:

In the Matter of the Application of Missouri RSA No. 7 Limited Partnership d/b/a Mid Missouri Cellular for Designation as a Telecommunications Company Carrier Eligible for Federal Universal Service Support Pursuant to §254 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed for filing in the above case is an original and eight copies of **Motion for Expedited Treatment**.

If you have any questions concerning this filing, please contact Paul DeFord in our Kansas City office.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

LATHROP & GAGE L.C.

Paralegal

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cc: All counsel of record

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION STATE OF MISSOURI

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Case No. TO-2003	-0531	

In the Matter of the Application of
Missouri RSA No. 7 Limited Partnership
d/b/a Mid-Missouri Cellular
for Designation as a Telecommunications
Company Carrier Eligible for Federal Universal
Service Support pursuant to § 254 of the
Telecommunications Act of 1996.

MOTION FOR EXPEDITED TREATMENT

Comes Now MISSOURI RSA No. 7 LIMITED PARTNERSHIP d/b/a MID-MISSOURI CELLULAR ("MMC") and pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.080(16) hereby requests that the Missouri Public Service Commission (the "Commission") process MMC's Application for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier on an expedited basis.

In support of this Motion, MMC states as follows:

- 1. On June 2, 2003 MMC filed its Application for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Pursuant to § 254 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. The subject application is in all material respects identical to the application MMC filed in Case No. TO-2003-0288 on February 13, 2003.
- 2. Based upon an erroneous interpretation of pleadings submitted in Case No. TO-2003-0288, MMC was deemed to have voluntarily dismissed its case. MMC had no intention of voluntarily dismissing its case and has refiled its application because it remains committed to obtaining ETC status.
- 3. At the time the original application was deemed voluntarily dismissed, the Commission had published notice of the case, granted intervention to Alma Communications Company d/b/a Alma Telephone Company, Spectra Communications Group LLC d/b/a CenturyTel and CenturyTel of Missouri LLC and Citizens Telephone Company of Higginsville, Missouri. The

Commission had also scheduled a pre-hearing conference at which the parties were to discuss and ultimately submit a proposed procedural schedule.

- 4. MMC believes it is in its best interest, as well as those of its customers and potential customers, to have this matter resolved as expeditiously as possible. If granted ETC status MMC would be eligible to receive revenue from the federal Universal Service Fund which in turn would enable it to better serve its customers.
- 5. To facilitate an expedited procedural schedule and conserve the resources of the Commission and interested parties, MMC suggests that all parties who were granted intervention in Case No. TO-2003-0288 be made parties to this proceeding and that the Commission establish a date for an early pre-hearing conference. MMC believes that making the intervenors in the original application proceeding parties to this case obviates the need for any further notice or delay.
- 5. MMC further believes that rulings on dispositive motions, if any, should be made within 20 days of filing. MMC suggests that a pre-hearing conference should be scheduled for on or about June 26, 2003. It is not possible at this time for MMC to suggest an appropriate date for the Commission's ultimate decision in this case.
- 6. This pleading is being filed as soon as practicable after the subject application was filed and docketed.

WHEREFORE, for all of the foregoing reasons, MMC respectfully requests that the Commission grant this motion for expedited treatment.

Respectfully submitted,

MISSOURI RSA No. 7 LIMITED PARTNERSHIP d/b/a MID-MISSOURI CELLULAR

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I do hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Motion for Expedited Treatment has been hand-delivered, transmitted by e-mail or mailed, First Class, postage prepaid, this 5th day of June, 2003, to:

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