

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

In the Matter of the Petition of Northeast Missouri)
Rural Telephone Company for Arbitration of)
Unresolved Issues Pertaining to a Section 251(b)(5))
Agreement with United States Cellular Corporation) **Case No. TK-2005-xxxx**

NOTICE OPENING CASE

On April 20, 2005, Northeast Missouri Rural Telephone Company filed its petition for arbitration with the Commission pursuant to the Telecommunications Act of 1996.¹ The petition asks the Commission to arbitrate its unresolved issues with United States Cellular Corporation.

On June 2, Northeast Missouri Rural filed a negotiated interconnection agreement in Case No. TO-2005-0374. The filing of the negotiated agreement effectively ends the arbitration.

The Commission opens the case to approve or reject the negotiated interconnection agreement as provided by Section 252(e)(1) of the Telecommunications

¹ In a separate order, the Commission consolidated five other arbitration petitions against U.S. Cellular into Case No. TO-2005-0374. Each of the petitioners has filed negotiated agreements. The Commission will open a new case for each negotiated agreement.

Act of 1996. The negotiated agreement will now appear in this case. All future filings regarding the negotiated agreement shall be filed in this case.

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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Ronald D. Pridgin, Regulatory Law
Judge, by delegation of authority
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 10th day of June, 2005.