

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

Staff of the Public Service Commission of the	)	
State of Missouri,	)	
	)	
Complainant,	)	<u>Case No. TC-2007-0111</u>
	)	
v.	)	
	)	
Comcast IP Phone, LLC	)	

PETITION FOR LEAVE TO FILE *AMICUS* BRIEF

COMES NOW the Small Telephone Company Group,¹ pursuant to Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.075(6) and for its Petition for leave to file its amicus brief respectfully states to the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission or PSC) as follows:

1. The STCG member companies are all small incumbent local exchange telephone companies (ILECs) as defined by Missouri law and provide telecommunications service in the rural areas of the state of Missouri under the regulation of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission). The members of the STCG are also rural telephone companies as defined by the Telecommunications Act of 1996 ("the Act")² and the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The STCG companies provide basic local exchange service to subscribers within one or more Commission-defined exchanges in the state of Missouri. The STCG companies are "telecommunications companies" and "public utilities" as those terms are defined by §386.020 RSMo 2000 and are therefore subject to the jurisdiction, regulation and

¹ See Attachment A.

² 47 U.S.C. §153(37).

control of the Commission as provided by law. The STCG companies are also “small incumbent local exchange carrier” as defined by §386.020(30) RSMo.

2. The issues raised by this case are important to the public and the telecommunications industry in Missouri and nationwide. These issues are presently being examined by the FCC.

3. Accordingly, the STCG member companies have a vital interest in the subject matter of this proceeding and are so situated that the disposition of this action may, as a practical matter, impair or impede their ability to protect their interests. In addition, the STCG has a unique history and perspective on this matter. Therefore, it is in the public interest for this court to allow the STCG to file the attached *amicus* brief.

WHEREFORE, the STCG respectfully requests that the Commission grant leave for the STCG to file the *Amicus Curiae* Brief.

Respectfully submitted,

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