BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Petition of VCI)	
Company for Designation as an Eligible)	Case No. CO-2006-0464
Telecommunications Carrier)	

STAFF'S STATEMENT OF POSITION

COMES NOW Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, as directed by the Commission's September 11, 2006, *Order Amending Procedural Schedule*, and submits its Statement of Position.

Issue: Has VCI Company demonstrated that it meets the applicable state and federal requirements for designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier?

Staff's Position: Certain obligations cannot be fulfilled until VCI actually provides service or receives ETC designation, so VCI has committed to meet these requirements. As the company has met the obligations it can meet at this time and has committed to meet all other mandatory obligations as outlined in Mr. Cecil's testimony, Staff supports VCI's petition. Staff recommends the commission grant ETC designation for low income support only conditioned upon VCI's adherence to all required obligations.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or electronically mailed to all counsel of record this 6^{th} day of April 2007.

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