

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

Application of USCOC of Greater Missouri, LLC for            )  
Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier        )  
Pursuant to the Telecommunications Act of 1996             )        **Case No. TO-2005-0384**

**U.S. CELLULAR’S PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

1.       At the September 22<sup>nd</sup> prehearing conference in this case, the ALJ ordered that the parties should file their proposed procedural schedules on October 4<sup>th</sup>.

2.       The parties have attempted to agree to a joint procedural schedule but have been unable to do so. As U.S. Cellular understands the Commission’s August 14, 2006 order, these supplemental proceedings are intended to give the parties a chance to respond to U.S. Cellular’s two-year plan. Accordingly, U.S. Cellular proposes an on-the-record hearing beginning October 25<sup>th</sup>. U.S. Cellular believes the hearing should take no more than one day, however it is prepared to continue, if necessary, until the 27<sup>th</sup>. As indicated in its September 21st Response, U.S. Cellular believes that due to the extensive record already developed in this case, there is no need for additional prefiled testimony. The Commission can determine if U.S. Cellular has met the requirements of its new ETC rule with the information contained in the record, the affidavits and live testimony of Nick Wright, and the U.S. Cellular two-year build-out plan submitted on August 11<sup>th</sup>.

3.       The parties have already had an opportunity to respond to U.S. Cellular’s witnesses on each of the other issues in this proceeding. Accordingly, an on-the-record presentation where Mr. Wright would answer questions concerning the two year plan and undergo cross-examination is appropriate. Following this questioning, U.S. Cellular would reserve the right to redirect Mr. Wright. The other parties may also wish to have their witness

present “live” direct testimony concerning U.S. Cellular’s application and undergo cross-examination.

4. Because of the October hearing, all parties would be expected to provide objections to Data Requests within 5 days and responses within 10 days. The Commission may also wish to order one round of briefs after the October hearing.

5. Should the Commission determine that rebuttal testimony is necessary, U.S. Cellular requests the opportunity to respond with surrebuttal testimony. In order to adequately prepare this testimony, U.S. Cellular requests enough time to receive responses to data requests before its surrebuttal testimony is due.

6. The Commission must not allow this proceeding to devolve into a relitigation of U.S. Cellular’s application where the record is already established. In its March 21, 2006 Order, the Commission asked for more information on how U.S. Cellular intends to use high-cost support through improved coverage, signal strength or capacity in ways that would not otherwise occur without the receipt of high-cost support. U.S. Cellular has complied with this request. If the Commission is not satisfied, U.S. Cellular will be happy to provide additional information.

7. By adopting this procedural schedule, the Commission can ensure that U.S. Cellular has satisfied the compliance filing required by the Commission in the March 21 Order as well as the ETC legal requirements (including the 4 CSR 240-3.570) adopted subsequent to that Order, without unduly delaying federal high-cost support to improve and increase the availability of wireless service in rural Missouri.

Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document has been mailed electronically to all counsel of record this 4th day of October, 2006.

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