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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

The Staff of the Missouri Public)	
Service Commission,)	
)	
Complainant,)	
v.)	<u>Case No. TC-98-350</u>
)	
Miller Telephone Company, a Missouri)	
Corporation,)	
)	
Respondent.)	

ORDER GRANTING EXTENSION OF TIME TO ANSWER OR SATISFY COMPLAINT

The Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) filed a complaint against Miller Telephone Company (Miller) on February 13, 1998. The Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) issued a Notice of Complaint on February 23, which directed Miller to file its answer on or before March 25. On March 23, Miller filed a Motion for Extension of Time to Answer or Satisfy Complaint. Miller explains that subsequent to the filing of the complaint, its representatives have continued to discuss Staff's audit findings with Staff, and that the parties appear to be close to a settlement of all issues. Accordingly, Miller requests an additional two weeks, up to and including April 8, in which to answer or satisfy the complaint. Miller states that the additional time will allow it to conclude its discussions with Staff, and to file either a stipulation and agreement or an answer. Miller adds that Staff has been contacted, and has no objection to the extension of time.

The Commission finds that Miller's request is reasonable and well-founded, since an extension of time may permit the settlement of the case

without recourse to litigation and its attendant costs. The Commission also notes that the requested extension is for a reasonable period of time.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the Motion for Extension of Time to Answer or Satisfy Complaint filed by Miller Telephone Company on March 23, 1998 is granted.
2. That the deadline for Miller Telephone Company to answer or satisfy the complaint is extended for an additional two weeks, from March 25, 1998 to April 8, 1998.
3. That this order shall become effective on March 27, 1998.

BY THE COMMISSION



Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

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Elaine E. Bensavage, Regulatory Law
Judge, by delegation of authority
pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.120(1),
(November 30, 1995) and Section 386.240,
RSMo 1994.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 27th day of March, 1998.

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