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Secretary
Missouri Public Service Commission
P.O. Box 360
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**Re: Ozark Telephone Company
- Tariff Filing**

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Missouri Public
Service Commission

Dear Secretary:

Enclosed for filing on behalf of Ozark Telephone Company, please find three (3) copies of the following revised tariff sheet:

P.S.C. MO. NO. 1, Section 4, 1st Revised Sheet No. 25
P.S.C. MO. NO. 1, Section 4, 1st Revised Sheet No. 26
P.S.C. MO. NO. 1, Section 4, 1st Revised Sheet No. 27

Also enclosed is an original and eight (8) copies of a Motion for Expedited Treatment.

The purpose of this filing is to add provisions for low-income and disabled assistance through the Missouri Universal Service Fund and to add a surcharge for the Missouri Universal Service Fund.

Please see that this filing is brought to the attention of the appropriate Commission personnel. If there are any questions regarding the attached they may be directed to me at the above number.

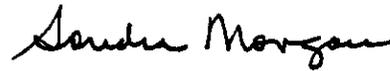
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Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

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By:



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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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Missouri Public
Service Commission

In the Matter of the Tariff Filing)
of Ozark Telephone Company)
to add Provisions for Low-Income) Case No. _____
and Disabled Assistance through)
the Missouri Universal Service Fund)
and to add a surcharge.

MOTION FOR EXPEDITED TREATMENT

Comes now Ozark Telephone Company (“Ozark”), pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.080(16), and for its Motion for Expedited Treatment states to the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Commission”) as follows:

1. On March 17, 2005, the Commission issued its Order Granting Staff Motion in which it advised Missouri telecommunications companies that they “may begin billing their customers the Missouri Universal Service Fund surcharge on May 1, 2005, if applicable.”

2. Ozark holds a certificate from the Commission to provide basic local telecommunications services in Missouri and is a “telecommunications company” as defined in 386.020 (51), RSMo 2000.

3. On this same date, Ozark is filing tariff sheets authorizing it to provide low-income and disabled assistance to its customers through the Missouri Universal Service Fund and to authorize it to collect a Missouri Universal Service Fund surcharge from its customers. This tariff was not filed earlier because it was inadvertently omitted when counsel for Ozark was preparing and filing numerous Missouri Universal Service Fund tariffs for the companies represented by the firm. Ozark requests that the Commission approve this tariff on an expedited basis so that the company may offer the assistance to its customers and begin collecting the

customers as ordered by the Commission.

Wherefore Ozark Telephone Company respectfully requests that the Commission grant its Motion for Expedited Treatment and approve the tariff sheets authorizing it to offer low-income and disabled assistance to its customers and to collect the Missouri Universal Service Fund Surcharge from its customers as quickly as possible.

Respectfully submitted,



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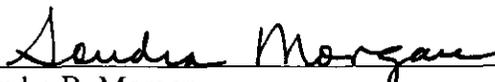
Attorneys for OZARK TELEPHONE COMPANY

Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing document was hand-deliver, mailed, United States Mail, postage prepaid, or sent by electronic transmission this 18th day of May, 2005, to:

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A. Missouri Universal Service Fund Low-Income Assistance

1. **General** – A low-income customer is any customer who requests or receives residential essential local telecommunications service and who has been certified by the Department of Social Services (DSS) as economically disadvantaged. Qualified individuals will receive discounted services under either the low-income assistance or the disabled assistance program.
2. **Regulations** – Low income assistance is available to all residential customers who demonstrate, by self certifying with the company under penalty of perjury, that they are eligible for support by participation in:
 - a) Medicaid
 - b) Food Stamps
 - c) Supplementary Security Income (SSI)
 - d) Federal Public Housing Assistance or section 8
 - e) Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)
 - f) Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF)
 - g) National Free Lunch Program
3. **Eligible Services** – Essential local telecommunications service is defined as two (2) way switched voice residential service within a local calling scope as determined by the commission, comprised of the following services and their recurring charges:
 - a) Single line residential service, including touch-tone dialing and any applicable mileage or zone charges
 - b) Access to local emergency services, including, but not limited to, 911 service established by local authorities
 - c) Access to basic local operator services
 - d) Access to basic local directory assistance
 - e) Standard intercept service
 - f) Equal access to Inter-Exchange Carriers consistent with rules and regulations of the FCC
 - g) One (1) standard white pages directory listing
 - h) Toll blocking or toll control for qualifying low-income customers

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4. **Support Amount** – Customers eligible under the established criteria can receive a discount from their bill for essential local telecommunications service equal to the amounts approved by the Missouri Public Service Commission and the Federal Communications Commission. The amount of combined federal and state lifeline support for any customer will not exceed the sum of the federal Subscriber Line Charge (SLC) and the recurring charges for essential local telecommunications services (including the basic service rate, Touch-Tone calling charge, extended area service additive, and mileage additives, if any).

B. Missouri Universal Service Fund Disabled Assistance

1. **General** – A disabled customer, or a dependent of a disabled customer, is a customer who requests or receives essential local telecommunications service, as defined in this tariff, and meets the eligibility requirements set forth in this tariff.
2. **Regulations** – Disabled assistance is available to all residential customer who demonstrate, by self certifying with the company under penalty of perjury, that they, or a dependent, are totally and permanently disabled or blind and receiving any of the following:
- a) Federal Social Security Disability benefits
 - b) Federal Supplemental Security income benefits
 - c) Veterans Administration benefits
 - d) State blind pension pursuant to Section 209.010 to 209.160, RSMo
 - e) State aid to blind persons pursuant to Section 209.240 RSMo.
 - f) State supplemental payments pursuant to Section 208.030, RSMo Section 660.100.2 RSMo 2000.
3. **Support Amount** – Customers eligible under the established criteria can receive a discount equal to the amount approved by the Missouri Public Service Commission from their bill for essential local telecommunications service. The amount of state lifeline support for any customer will not exceed the recurring charges for essential local telecommunications services (including the basic service rate, Touch-Tone calling charge, extended area service additive, and mileage additives, if any).

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GENERAL AND LOCAL EXCHANGE TARIFF

LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE

C. Missouri Universal Service Fund

1. Company will place on each retail end-user customer's bill, a surcharge equal to the Missouri Universal Service Fund percentage assessment ordered by the commission.
2. The surcharge will appear as a separate line item detailed as "Missouri Universal Service Fund."
3. The surcharge percentage will be applied to the total of each customer's charges for intrastate regulated telecommunications services that meet the definition of net jurisdictional revenues at 4 CSR 240-31.010(12).

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