Proposed Rules

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comments shall be filed on or before November 12, 1999.
Comments should refer to Case No. TX-2000-169, and be filed CT with an original and fourteen copies. A public hearing is scheduled for November 15, 1999, at 9:00 a.m. in room 520B of the Harry S Truman State Office Building, 301 West High Street, Jefferson City, Missouri, for interested persons to appear and respond to commission questions.

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Title 4—DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Division 240—Public Service Commission Chapter 33—Service and Billing Practices for [Telephone Utilities] Telecommunications Companies

PROPOSED RULE

4 CSR 240-33.100 Variance

PURPOSE: This rule establishes the procedure to be followed by a telecommunications company or customer when either seeks a variance from any provision of this chapter.

- (1) Any telecommunications company or customer may request authority for a variance from any provision of this chapter and the commission may grant variances.
- (2) A variance request shall be filed in writing in compliance with 4 CSR 240-2.060 with the secretary of the commission.
- (3) Any variance granted by the commission shall be reflected in a tariff.

AUTHORITY: sections 386.040, RSMo 1994 and 386.250 and 392.200, RSMo Supp. 1998. Original rule filed Jan. 14, 1977, effective Oct. 1, 1977. Rescinded and readopted: Filed Aug. 26, 1999.

PUBLIC ENTITY COST: This proposed rule will not cost state agencies or political subdivisions more than \$500 in the aggregate.

PRIVATE ENTITY COST: This proposed rule will not cost private entities more than \$500 in the aggregate.

NOTICE TO SUBMIT COMMENTS AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING: Anyone may file a statement in support of or in opposition to this proposed rule with the Missouri Public Service Commission, Dale Hardy Roberts, Secretary, P.O. Box 360, Jefferson City, MO 65102, (573) 751-3234. To be considered, comments shall be filed on or before November 12, 1999. Comments should refer to Case No. TX-2000-169, and be filed with an original and fourteen copies. A public hearing is scheduled for November 15, 1999, at 9:00 a.m. in room 520B of the Harry S Truman State Office Building, 30I West High Street, Jefferson City, Missouri, for interested persons to appear and respond to commission questions.

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Division 249 Public Service Commission Faper S—Service and Billing Practices for Telephone Utilities

PROPOSED RESCISSION

4 CSR 240-33.110 Commission Complaint Procedures. This rule set forth in this chapter the procedures followed in filing formal or informal complaints with the commission regarding matters covered in this chapter.

PURPOSE: This rule is being rescinded and resubmitted to avoid confusion because of the many changes being proposed.

AUTHORITY: sections 386.040, 386.250 and 392.200, RSMo 1986. Original rule filed Jan. 14, 1977, effective Oct. 1, 1977. Rescinded: Filed Aug. 26, 1999.

PUBLIC ENTITY COST: This proposed rescission will not cost state agencies or political subdivisions more than \$500 in the aggregate.

PRIVATE ENTITY COST: This proposed rescission will not cost private entities more than \$500 in the aggregate.

NOTICE TO SUBMIT COMMENTS AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING: Anyone may file a statement in support of or in opposition to this proposed rescission with the Missouri Public Service Commission, Dale Hardy Roberts, Secretary, P.O. Box 360, Jefferson City, MO 65102, (573) 751-3234. To be considered, comments shall be filed on or before November 12, 1999. Comments should refer to Case No. TX-2000-170, and be filed with an original and fourteen copies. A public hearing is scheduled for November 15, 1999, at 9:00 a.m. in room 520B of the Harry S Truman State Office Building, 301 West High Street, Jefferson City, Missouri, for interested persons to appear and respond to commission questions.

SPECIAL NEEDS: Any persons with special needs as addressed by the Americans with Disabilities Act should contact the Missouri Public Service Commission at least ten days prior to the hearing at one of the following numbers: Consumer Services Hotline 1-800-392-4211, or TDD Hotline 1-800-829-7541.

Title 4—DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Division 240—Public Service Commission Chapter 33—Service and Billing Practices for [Telephone Utilities] Telecommunications Companies

PROPOSED RULE

4 CSR 240-33.110 Commission Complaint Procedures

PURPOSE: This rule sets forth the procedures to be followed in filing formal or informal complaints with the commission regarding matters covered in this chapter.

- (1) Any customer aggrieved by a violation of any rules in this chapter or the Public Service Commission laws of Missouri relating to telecommunications companies may file an informal or formal complaint under 4 CSR 240-2.070.
- (2) If a telecommunications company and a customer fail to resolve a matter in dispute, the telecommunications company shall

advise the customer of his/her right to file an informal or formal complaint with the commission under 4 CSR 240-2.070.

(3) Pending the resolution of a complaint filed with the commission, the subject matter of such complaint shall not constitute a basis for discontinuance.

AUTHORITY: sections 386.040, RSMo 1994, 386.250 and 392.200, RSMo Supp. 1998. Original rule filed Jan. 14, 1977, effective Oct. 1, 1977. Rescinded and readopted: Filed Aug. 26, 1999.

PUBLIC ENTITY COST: This proposed rule will not cost state agencies or political subdivisions more than \$500 in the aggregate.

PRIVATE ENTITY COST: This proposed rule will not cost private entities more than \$500 in the aggregate.

NOTICE TO SUBMIT COMMENTS AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING: Anyone may file a statement in support of or in opposition to this proposed rule with the Missouri Public Service Commission, Dale Hardy Roberts, Secretary, P.O. Box 360, Jefferson City, MO 65102, (573) 751-3234. To be considered, comments shall be filed on or before November 12, 1999. Comments should refer to Case No. TX-2000-170, and be filed with an original and fourteen copies. A public hearing is scheduled for November 15, 1999, at 9:00 a.m. in room 520B of the Harry S Truman State Office Building, 301 West High Street, Jefferson City, Missouri, for interested persons to appear and respond to commission questions.

SPECIAL NEEDS: Any persons with special needs as addressed by the Americans with Disabilities Act should contact the Missouri Public Service Commission at least ten days prior to the hearing at one of the following numbers: Consumer Services Hotline 1-800-392-4211, or TDD Hotline 1-800-829-7541.

Title 4—DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Division 240—Public Service Commission Chapter 33—Service and Billing Practices for [Telephone Utilities] Telecommunications Companies

PROPOSED RULE

4 CSR 240-33.120 Payment Deferral for Schools and Libraries that Receive Federal Universal Service Fund Support

PURPOSE: This rule establishes tariff filing requirements that will enable schools and libraries to receive Federal Universal Service Funding.

PUBLISHER'S NOTE: The publication of the full text of the material that the adopting agency has incorporated by reference in this rule would be unduly cumbersome or expensive. Therefore, the full text of that material will be made available to any interested person at both the Office of the Secretary of State and the office of the adopting agency, pursuant to section 536.031.4, RSMo. Such material will be provided at the cost established by state law.

- (1) Each company that provides telecommunications services to eligible schools or libraries shall file a tariff amendment to offer discounted rates and services to eligible schools or libraries within thirty (30) days of the adoption of this rule.
- (2) The discounts are available to the extent that they are funded by the Federal Universal Service Fund subject to the terms and conditions set forth in 47 CFR 54.500-54.517. Discounts on

intrastate telecommunications services for eligible schools and libraries shall mirror the interstate discount as stated in the FCC Report and Order in CC Docket No. 96-45 (FCC 97-157), as adopted by the Missouri Public Service Commission in Docket No. TO-97-552. Any adjustments to the discount matrix shall be in accordance with the FCC's Report and Order in CC Docket No. 96-45 (FCC 97-157), paragraphs 538 and 542, or as adjusted in any future FCC decision or federal legislation on the subject. This rule incorporates by reference the Commission's Order Granting Interventions and Adopting Educational Discount Matrix issued in Case No. TO-97-552. This rule also incorporates by reference paragraphs 538 and 542 of the FCC's Report and Order issued in CC Docket No. 96-45 (FCC 97-157).

AUTHORITY: sections 386.040, RSMo 1994, 386.250 and 392.200, RSMo Supp. 1998. Original rule filed Aug. 26, 1999.

PUBLIC ENTITY COST: This proposed rule will not cost state agencies or political subdivisions more than \$500 in the aggregate.

PRIVATE ENTITY COST: This proposed rule is estimated to cost private entities \$1,800 in the aggregate.

NOTICE TO SUBMIT COMMENTS AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING: Anyone may file a statement in support of or in opposition to this proposed rule with the Missouri Public Service Commission, Dale Hardy Roberts, Secretary, P.O. Box 360, Jefferson City, MO 65102, (573) 751-3234. To be considered, comments shall be filed on or before November 12, 1999. Comments should refer to Case No. TX-2000-171, and be filed with an original and fourteen copies. A public hearing is scheduled for November 15, 1999, at 9:00 a.m. in room 520B of the Harry S Truman State Office Building, 301 West High Street, Jefferson City, Missouri, for interested persons to appear and respond to commission questions.

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