

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

In the Matter of the Investigation Into)	
The Earnings of Cass County Telephone)	Case No. IR-2006-0374
Company,)	

**RESPONSE OF CASS COUNTY TELEPHONE COMPANY TO
AT&T MISSOURI'S APPLICATION TO INTERVENE**

COMES NOW Cass County Telephone Company ("CassTel"), by and through counsel, and states the following concerning AT&T Missouri's ("AT&T") Application to Intervene in this case.

1. On April 24, 2006, AT&T filed its Application to Intervene in this proceeding. AT&T states it has an interest in the case as an access customer of CassTel.

2. CassTel does not oppose the intervention of AT&T. Like the Office of the Public Counsel, CassTel is concerned, however, that AT&T's intervention could delay the pending resolution not only of this case but of related cases as well. As the Commission is aware, this case is one of three (3) cases concerning CassTel. A proposed settlement was filed in Case No. TC-2005-0357.¹ Most recently on April 21, 2006, the Commission's Staff filed a recommendation that the Joint Application in Case No. TM-2006-0306 be approved with conditions.² Taken together, these three cases represent a comprehensive resolution of all outstanding issues and pave the way for a change of CassTel's ownership.

¹ Staff v. Cass County Telephone Company.

² Re: Cass County Telephone Company, et al.

These cases now only require the Commission's consideration and approval. CassTel believes the proposed agreement in this case, taken together with the proposed resolutions of Case Nos. TC-2005-0357 and TM-2006-0306, are in the public interest. AT&T's intervention after nearly two years of complex negotiations by the parties to these cases, should not be allowed to frustrate a favorable outcome.

WHEREFORE, CassTel states it has no objection to AT&T's Application to Intervene in this proceeding.

Respectfully submitted,

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