

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of Northwest Missouri Cellular Limited Partnership for Designation as a Telecommunications Company Carrier Eligible for Federal Universal Service Support Pursuant to § 254 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. )  
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) Case No. TO-2005-0466  
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RESPONSE TO MOTION FOR EXTENSION

Come now Grand River Mutual Telephone Corporation and Holway Telephone Company (collectively "The Small ILECs") and for their Response to Northwest Missouri Cellular's Motion for a thirty (30) day extension to file testimony state that:

1. On September 8, 2005, Northwest Missouri Cellular filed its Motion for a thirty (30) Day Extension of Time to File Direct Testimony in this case.
2. The Small ILECs **do not object** to Northwest Missouri Cellular's Motion for an additional (30) thirty days to file direct testimony so long as the rest of the procedural schedule filing dates, including the hearing dates, are extended by thirty days as well.
3. The Small ILECs **do object** to extending the filing deadline for direct testimony without extending the rest of the procedural schedule because this would reduce the Small ILECs' time to engage in discovery and file rebuttal testimony by thirty (30) days and therefore prejudice the Small ILECs.

WHEREFORE, the Small ILECs respectfully request that the Commission extend the entire procedural schedule, including the hearing dates, by thirty days if it chooses to grant Northwest Missouri Cellular's motion to extend the filing date for direct testimony.

Respectfully submitted,

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