

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of Big River)
Telephone Company, L.L.C. to Expand its)
Certificate of Basic Local Service Authority)
to include provision of Basic Local Exchange)
Telecommunications Service in the Exchanges)
of BPS Telephone Company and to Continue)
to Classify the Company and its Services as)
Competitive)

Case No. TA-2007-0093

CONCURRING OPINION OF COMMISSIONERS ROBERT M.
CLAYTON III AND STEVE GAW

These Commissioners concur in the decision to approve Big River Telephone Company, L.L.C.'s ("Big River") application to expand its certificate of basic local service authority. However, these Commissioners believe that Big River's prior history concerning its lack of compliance with filing its quarterly quality of service reports and with failing to update its tariffs justifies a greater degree of supervision and an inquiry into whether penalties would be appropriate.

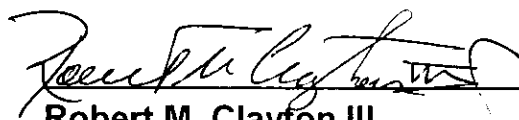
These Commissioners would have preferred to grant the statutory and rule waivers on a temporary basis and order an audit of the company to ensure that Big River remains in compliance with all Commission regulations and that it is providing the services that it represents it will provide. Only upon the results of a satisfactory audit would these Commissioners make the waivers permanent.

Additionally, these Commissioners would have directed the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission to investigate Big River to determine if it has been offering

services currently not included in its tariff and provide the Commission with a recommendation as to whether it should be required to issue a refund to customers for charging for a service that is not tariffed. Following such an investigation, the Commission should decide if penalties are warranted for any of Big River's past billing practices.

The majority, however, does not see fit to impose these restrictions, and while these Commissioners would have preferred that the Commission take a more assertive stance with regard to enforcing its regulations, these Commissioners do not want to impede competition. Therefore, these Commissioners agree with the result and concur in the Report and Order.

Respectfully submitted,



Robert M. Clayton III
Commissioner



Steve Gaw
Commissioner

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 1st day of May, 2007.