

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of Big River)
Telephone Company, LLC 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

ORDER SETTING BRIEFING SCHEDULE AND DIRECTING THE FILING
OF A LATE EXHIBIT

Issue Date: February 14, 2007

Effective Date: February 14, 2007

On February 13, 2007, the Commission held an evidentiary hearing in this matter. During the course of the hearing, BPS Telephone Company offered an exhibit, marked Exhibit 8, which was a response to a data request concerning Big River Telephone Company's marketing materials. The parties discovered that the exhibit was incomplete, but agreed to what should comprise the contents of the complete exhibit. Consequently, BPS was directed to file the complete exhibit no later than February 23, 2007.

Additionally, pursuant to Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.140(2), the Commission will allow the parties to file post-hearing briefs. In addition to the briefs following the list of issues as filed in the case, the Commission will direct the parties to thoroughly brief issue number 3; whether Big River's request for certain waivers is inconsistent with Section 392.451. Specifically, the Commission wishes to hear the parties' positions as to whether this issue is in fact an issue of first impression before the Commission, and how a ruling in

favor of, or against, BPS would affect both prior and future determinations by the Commission with regard to this same issue.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. No later than February 23, 2007, BPS Telephone Company shall file the complete form of Exhibit 8, as described in the body of this order.

2. Any party who wishes to file a post-hearing brief shall do so no later than twenty days following the filing of the official transcripts in this matter.

3. There shall be no reply briefs.

4. All briefs and amendments shall be filed in accordance with Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.080. Briefs shall follow the same list of issues as filed in the case and must set forth and cite the proper portions of the record concerning the remaining unresolved issues that are to be decided by the Commission. The parties shall provide a thorough briefing of issue 3 as directed in the body of this order.

5. All parties shall provide an electronic copy of their briefs in Microsoft Word format, to the regulatory law judge at harold.stearley@psc.mo.gov.

6. This order shall become effective on February 14, 2007.

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BY THE COMMISSION



Colleen M. Dale
Secretary

Harold Stearley, Regulatory Law Judge,
by delegation of authority pursuant to
Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 14th day of February, 2007.