

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

In the Matter of the Joint Application for)
Approval of the Transfer of Assets and)
Customers of Focal Communications)
Corporation of Missouri to Broadwing)
Communications, LLC; Authority for)
Broadwing Communications, LLC to)
Provide Local Telecommunications)
Services; and Approval of Focal)
Communications Corporation of Missouri)
to Abandon Services)

Case No. TA-2005-0045

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission and for its recommendation states;

1. In an Order issued on October 28, 2004, the Commission allowed Focal Communications Corporation of Missouri to transfer its assets and customers to Broadwing Communications, LLC. The Order directed Focal to file a notice no later than 10 days after the transfer is completed. The Order directed the Staff to file a recommendation concerning the cancellation of Focal's certificates of service authority and tariffs no later than 10 days after Focal files the notice.

2. On April 5, 2005, Focal filed a Notice confirming that the sale became effective on March 28, 2005. The Notice further states that Focal was granted its Certificate of Dissolution from the State of Delaware on March 31, 2005.

3. In Case No. TA-99-403, the Commission granted Focal a certificate of service authority to provide basic local telecommunications service. In Case No. TA-99-404, the Commission granted Focal a certificate of service authority to provide intrastate interexchange telecommunications service and a certificate of service authority to provide non-switched local exchange telecommunications service.

4. Focal owes no Commission assessments and is current on annual reports.

WHEREFORE, the Staff recommends that the Commission, pursuant to Section 392.410.5 RSMo, cancel the certificate of service authority of Focal Communications Corporation of Missouri and cancel its tariff MO P.S.C. Tariff No. 1

Respectfully submitted,

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