

## MEMORANDUM

To: Missouri Public Service Commission Official Case File  
Case No: TA-2011-0273  
Applicant: Big River Telephone Company, LLC

From: Lisa Mahaney  
Telecommunications Department  
William Voight 3/28/11  
Utility Operations Division/Date

Subject: Staff Recommendation for Approval of Certificate and/or Initial Tariff

Date: 3/28/11  
Filing Deadline: 3/30/11

The Telecommunications Department Staff (Staff) recommends the applicant be granted the following certificate(s), as indicated below, to be effective on the same date the tariff becomes effective:

☒ certificate to expand basic local exchange telecommunications services in the following service areas.

- ☐ All of AT&T Missouri
- ☐ All of CenturyLink
- ☐ All of Spectra
- ☒ Statewide
- ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_ (please describe)

☐ certificate to provide interexchange telecommunications services.

☐ certificate to provide local exchange telecommunications services.\*

\*local exchange authority should be restricted to dedicated, private line services.

Staff recommends the applicant and its services receive competitive classification. Staff further recommends a Commission order granting certification state that pursuant to Section 392.410 RSMo, unless exercised within a period of one year from the issuance thereof, authority conferred by a certificate of service authority shall be null and void. In addition, Staff recommends approval of the waivers listed in the Notice.

Granting a certificate to provide basic local exchange telecommunications services should be based on the following two conditions:

1. The applicant's originating and terminating access rates shall not exceed the access rates of the incumbent local exchange company against whom the applicant is competing pursuant to Sections 392.361.6 and 392.370 RSMo.
2. If the directly competing ILEC, in whose service area the applicant is operating, decreases its originating and/or terminating access service rates, the applicant shall file an appropriate tariff amendment to reduce its originating and/or terminating access rates in the directly competing ILEC's service area

within 30 days of the directly competing ILEC's reduction of its originating and/or terminating access rates in order to maintain the cap.

☐ No objection to tariff taking effect (Insert MO PSC number.) Effective Date: The Staff states that the tariff meets the requirements of all applicable statutes, specifically, one or more of the following: Sections 392.200(8), (12); 392.455(3), (4); and 392.500(2) RSMo. In addition, the tariff filing does not conflict with the following Commission rules: 4 CSR 240-3.545 (4), (6), (7), (8 C,G,H), (9), (15), (16), (19); 4 CSR 240-31.065(1), (2), (3); 4 CSR 240-32.150(5), 32.160(1), (2), 32.190; 4 CSR 240-33.040(4), 33.045(2), 33.050(4) and 33.070(2).

☒ Tariff was not submitted with application. Pursuant to 4 CSR 240-3.510(1)(C), the applicant cannot lawfully provide service until tariffs are effective.

Additional Comments:

In addition, Staff recommends approval of the following waivers:

Statutes	Rules
392.210.2	4 CSR 240-3.550(4) and (5)(A)
392.240.1	4 CSR 240-10.020
392.270	4 CSR 240-30.040
392.280	4 CSR 32.050(4)(B) **white pages partial exemption
392.290	4 CSR 240-32.060
392.300	4 CSR 240-32.070
392.310	4 CSR 240-32.080
392.320	4 CSR 240-33.040 (except subsection (4))
392.330	4 CSR 240-33.045
392.340	4 CSR 240-33.080(1)
	4 CSR 240-33.130(1), (4) and (5)

☒ The Company is not delinquent in filing an annual report, paying the PSC assessment, MoUSF, and Relay Missouri.

☐ The Company is delinquent. Staff recommends the Commission grant the requested relief/action on the condition the applicant corrects the delinquency. The applicant should be instructed to make the appropriate filing in this case after it has corrected the delinquency.

(☐ No annual report ☐ Unpaid PSC assessment. Amount owed:  
☐ Unpaid MoUSF ☐ Unpaid Relay Missouri)

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

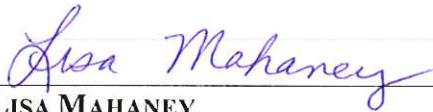
In the Matter of the Application of Big )  
River Telephone Company, LLC to )  
Expand its Certificate of Basic Local )  
Service Authority to Include Provision of )  
Basic Local Exchange )  
Telecommunications Services Throughout )  
the State of Missouri and to Continue to )  
Classify the Company and its Services as )  
Competitive )

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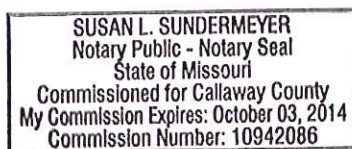
**AFFIDAVIT OF LISA MAHANEY**

STATE OF MISSOURI )  
 ) ss:  
COUNTY OF COLE )

Lisa Mahaney, employee of the Missouri Public Service Commission, being of lawful age and after being duly sworn, states that she has participated in preparing the accompanying memorandum, and that the facts therein are true and correct to the best of her knowledge and belief.

  
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LISA MAHANEY

Subscribed and affirmed before me this 28TH day of March, 2011.



  
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NOTARY PUBLIC