

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

Staff of the Public Service Commission
of the State of Missouri,

Complainant,

v.

Cass County Telephone Company
Limited Partnership, and
Local Exchange Company, LLC,

Respondents.

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Case No. TC-2005-0357

ORDER GRANTING LEAVE TO FILE A RESPONSE

Issue Date: May 26, 2005

Effective Date: May 26, 2005

On May 25, 2005, Local Exchange Company, LLC filed a motion seeking leave to file a response in support of a motion to dismiss that it filed on May 13. The Commission's Staff filed a reply to that motion on May 13, in which it raised a new basis for its contention that Local Exchange Company is an appropriate party to this case. Local Exchange Company requests an opportunity to respond to that contention.

The Commission finds that a further response from Local Exchange Company would be appropriate and helpful. Staff will also be given an opportunity to file a further reply if it wishes to do so.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That Local Exchange Company, LLC may file a response to Staff's reply no later than May 31, 2005.
2. That the Commission's Staff may file a further reply to Local Exchange Company, LLC's response no later than June 2, 2005.
3. That this order shall become effective on May 26, 2005.

BY THE COMMISSION



Colleen M. Dale
Secretary

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Morris L. Woodruff, Senior Regulatory
Law Judge, by delegation of authority
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 26th day of May, 2005.