OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

Staff of the Public Service Commiss of the State of Missouri,	ion)
C	omplainant,)
V.) <u>Case No. TC-2005-0357</u>
Cass County Telephone Company Limited Partnership,)))
R	espondent.))

ORDER GRANTING JOINT MOTION FOR SUSPENSION OF PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE AND CANCELING HEARING

Issue Date: September 26, 2005 Effective Date: September 26, 2005

On September 23, 2005, the Commission's Staff and Cass County Telephone Company Limited Partnership (CassTel) filed a joint motion asking that the remaining procedural schedule be suspended to allow the parties more time to negotiate a settlement of Staff's complaint against CassTel. Although the Office of the Public Counsel did not join in the motion, Staff and CassTel represent that Public Counsel does not oppose their request to suspend the procedural schedule.

The Joint Motion of Staff and CassTel is reasonable and is not opposed by any party. The Commission will grant the motion. As requested by the parties, the procedural schedule will be suspended until January 1, 2006. If needed, a new procedural schedule, including new hearing dates, will be established at that time. Any obligation to respond to

discovery requests, pending motions, or responsive pleadings will also be suspended. The hearing scheduled for October 31 through November 4 will be canceled.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

- 1. That the Joint Motion for Suspension of Procedural Schedule is granted.
- 2. That the existing procedural schedule, including the obligation to respond to discovery requests, pending motions, or responsive pleadings, is suspended until January 1, 2006.
- 3. That the hearing scheduled for October 31, 2005, through November 4, 2005, is canceled.
 - 4. That this order shall become effective on September 26, 2005.

BY THE COMMISSION

Colleen M. Dale Secretary

(SEAL)

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 September, 2005.