OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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) <u>Case</u>	No. TE-2006-0337
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ORDER DIRECTING NOTICE, ESTABLISHING DATE FOR INTERVENTION, AND DIRECTING FILING

Issue Date: March 3, 2006 Effective Date: March 3, 2006

On March 1, 2006, lowa Telecommunications Services, Inc., d/b/a lowa Telecom, filed an application for a waiver of Commission rule 4 CSR 240-33.050(4)(B) – the rule regarding deposits and guarantees of payment for residential customers. Rule 33.050(4)(B) requires that customer deposits bear interest at a rate equal to one percent (1%) above the prime lending rate as published in the *Wall Street Journal*. Iowa Telecom seeks a waiver of that rule in order to follow the rule set by the Iowa Utilities Board, which provides that interest on such deposits be computed at 7.5 percent per annum, compounded annually.

lowa Telecom is an lowa corporation and local exchange telecommunications company providing services to approximately 100 customers in the Missouri counties of Clark, Nodaway and Putnam.

The Commission finds that notice of this Application shall be given to customers of Iowa Telecom, the general public, and potentially interested parties. A date for

intervention of proper parties shall also be set. Iowa Telecom will be directed to notify its Missouri customers of this proceeding. The Commission's Data Center shall mail a copy of this notice to the County Commissions of Clark, Nodaway and Putnam counties. In addition, the Commission's Public Information Officer shall make notice of this order available to the media serving these counties, and the members of the General Assembly representing them.

The Staff of the Commission will be ordered to file a recommendation in this case no later than April 14, 2006.

The requirement of a hearing has been fulfilled when all those having a desire to be heard are offered an opportunity to be heard. If no proper party is granted intervention and neither the Commission's Staff nor the Office of Public Counsel requests a hearing, the Commission may determine that a hearing is not necessary.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

- 1. Iowa Telecommunications Services, Inc., d/b/a Iowa Telecom, shall mail a copy of this notice to its Missouri customers by means of a separate mailing within ten (10) days of the effective date of this order.
- 2. The Commission's Data Center shall send a copy of this notice to the County Commission's of Putnam, Nodaway and Clark counties.
- 3. The Commission's Public Information Office shall provide a copy of this notice to the media serving these counties and to the members of the General Assembly representing them.
- 4. Any party wishing to intervene in this matter must file an application no later than April 3, 2006, with:

Colleen M. Dale, Secretary Missouri Public Service Commission P.O. Box 360 Jefferson City, Missouri 65102-0360

and send copies to:

James M. Fischer Fischer & Dority, P.C. 101 Madison Street, Suite 400 Jefferson City, Missouri 65101

and to:

Office of the Public Counsel P.O. Box 2230 Jefferson City, Missouri 65102

- 5. The Staff of the Commission shall file a recommendation regarding approval or rejection of Iowa Telecom's Application for Waiver no later than April 14, 2006.
 - 6. This order shall become effective on March 3, 2006.

BY THE COMMISSION

Colleen M. Dale Secretary

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Steven C. Reed, Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 3rd day of March, 2006.