BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of)	
PAETEC Communications, Inc., and)	
American Long Lines, Inc. for Approval)	Case No. TM-2006-0210
of Merger, Discontinuance of Service, and)	
Cancellation of Authority)	

STAFF STATEMENT

COMES NOW the Staff of the Public Service Commission, and states:

- 1. On November 16, 2005, PAETEC Communications, Inc. ("PAETEC") and American Long Lines, Inc. jointly filed an application seeking approval of a transaction where the two entities, both wholly-owned subsidiaries of a common owner, will merge with PAETEC as the survivor. Customers of American Long Lines, Inc. would receive service from PAETEC at the conclusion of the transaction.
- 2. Subsequently, PAETEC also filed new tariff sheets to incorporate the terms of American Long Lines, Inc.'s tariff so that American Long Lines, Inc.'s customers could continue to receive service under the same rates, terms and conditions.
- 3. PAETEC has now notified the Commission that the merger closed on December 31, 2005. PAETEC, as the surviving entity, now requests that the Commission cancel American Long Lines, Inc.'s certificate and tariff.
- 4. As Staff stated previously in this matter, American Long Lines, Inc. originally received a certificate of service authority to provide intrastate interexchange telecommunications services in Case No. TA-97-363. That initial certificate has been supplanted by the one granted in Case No. XA-2003-0163, effective December 16, 2002, as a result of an earlier merger approved in Case No. XM-2003-0178. This is the certificate that now should be cancelled at the conclusion of the transaction.

5. Accordingly, Staff now renews its recommendation that the Commission cancel the certificate of service authority granted to American Long Lines, Inc. to provide interexchange telecommunications services, as well as its tariff, P.S.C. Mo. No. 1.

WHEREFORE, Staff renews its recommendation that the Commission cancel the certificate of service authority granted to American Long Lines, Inc. in Case No. TA-97-363 to provide interexchange telecommunications services, as well as its tariff, P.S.C. Mo. No. 1.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, or transmitted by facsimile or electronic mail to all counsel of record this 9th day of March 2006.

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