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

In the Matter of the Joint Application of Cass County Telephone Company, Limited Partnership, LEC Long Distance, Inc., d/b/a CassTel Long Distance, FairPoint Communications, Inc., FairPoint Communications Missouri, Inc., d/b/a FairPoint Communications, and ST Long Distance, Inc., d/b/a FairPoint Communications Long Distance for Authority to Transfer and Acquire Cass County Telephone Company, Limited Partnership's and LEC Distance, Inc.'s Facilities or Systems Located in the State of Missouri; 2) for Issuance of Certificates of Service Authority to FairPoint Communications Missouri, Inc., d/b/a FairPoint Communications and ST Long Distance, Inc., d/b/a FairPoint Communications Long Distance; and 3) to Designate FairPoint Communications Missouri, Inc., d/b/a FairPoint Communications as a Telecommunications Carrier Eligible to Receive Federal Universal Service Support

Case No. TM-2006-0306

## **ORDER EXTENDING TIME FOR STAFF TO FILE A RECOMMENDATION**

Issue Date: April 14, 2006

Effective Date: April 14, 2006

The Commission has ordered its Staff to file a recommendation by April 14, 2006, regarding a Joint Application filed by Cass County Telephone Company, Limited Partnership; LEC Long Distance, Inc., d/b/a CassTel Long Distance; FairPoint Communications, Inc.; FairPoint Communications Missouri, Inc., d/b/a FairPoint Communications; and ST Long Distance, Inc., d/b/a FairPoint Communications Long Distance, asking the Commission to approve FairPoint's acquisition of the assets of the

CassTel companies. On April 14, FairPoint filed a motion asking the Commission to extend the deadline for the submission of a Staff recommendation to April 21.

FairPoint's motion explains that it is discussing various matters with Staff and that FairPoint and Staff agree that some potential issues may be resolved if those discussions are allowed to continue for another week before Staff files its recommendation. The motion represents that none of the other parties object to the proposed extension of time.

FairPoint's motion is reasonable and is not opposed by any party. That motion will be granted.

## **IT IS ORDERED THAT:**

1. The Motion to Extend Filing Date of Staff Recommendation filed by FairPoint Communications, Inc.; FairPoint Communications Missouri, Inc., d/b/a FairPoint Communications; and ST Long Distance, Inc., d/b/a FairPoint Communications Long Distance, is granted.

2. The Staff of the Commission shall file its recommendation regarding the joint application no later than April 21, 2006.

3. This order shall become effective on April 14, 2006.

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BY THE COMMISSION



Colleen M. Dale Secretary

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

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 14th day of April, 2006.