BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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

Complainant,

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Cass County Telephone Company Limited Partnership,

Case No. TC-2005-0357

Respondent.

ORDER SETTING DATE FOR THE FILING OF A RESPONSE TO STAFF'S MOTION FOR SUMMARY DISPOSITION

Issue Date: December 20, 2005 Effective Date: December 20, 2005

On September 26, 2005, the Commission granted a joint motion filed by its Staff and Cass County Telephone Company Limited Partnership (CassTel) suspending the previously established procedural schedule until January 1, 2006. The purpose of the agreed upon suspension was to allow the parties an opportunity to negotiate a comprehensive settlement of this complaint and related matters. Periodic status reports filed by Staff and CassTel indicate that negotiations are continuing and that a settlement may be reached by December 31.

The Commission is concerned about progress in this case and in the event that a settlement is not reached, the Commission wishes to proceed quickly to a resolution of Staff's complaint. CassTel's response to Staff's Motion for Summary Disposition, which

Staff filed on August 30, has been tolled while the procedural schedule has been suspended. In order to ensure that this case will move quickly after the suspension of the procedural schedule ends, the Commission will direct CassTel to file its response to Staff's motion by January 3. Of course, that response will not be necessary if the parties file a settlement before December 31.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That Cass County Telephone Company Limited Partnership shall file its response to Staff's Motion for Summary Disposition no later than January 3, 2006.

2. That this order shall become effective on December 20, 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 20th day of December, 2005.