STATE OF MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

	At a session of the Public Service Commission held at its office in Jefferson City on the 28th day of March, 2006.
Staff of the Public Service Commission of the State of Missouri,)
Complainant,)
v.)) <u>Case No. TC-2006-0184</u>
New Florence Telephone Company,)
Respondent.)

ORDER SUSPENDING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

Issue Date: March 28, 2006

Effective Date: March 28, 2006

On March 24, 2006, the Staff of the Commission and New Florence Telephone Company filed a request that the procedural schedule adopted by the Commission in this matter be suspended in order for the parties to finalize a settlement. The Office of the Public Counsel does not oppose the request to suspend.

Though no written stipulation was submitted, the parties state in their joint motion that "settlement discussions have progressed to the point that both parties believe they hold promise for the submission of a comprehensive settlement to the Commission for its consideration." The parties also state that suspending the procedural schedule will allow them to focus additional resources on resolution of the complaint case, instead of focusing

on obligations to make filings with regard to testimony, discovery, data requests, and other motions.

The Commission has reviewed the motion for suspension of the procedural schedule and finds it to be reasonable. The Commission will suspend the remaining procedural schedule with the exception of the previously scheduled hearing dates. The Commission will reserve the first day of the hearing dates for the presentation of a stipulation and agreement by the parties and for the parties to respond to questions the Commission may have about the stipulation.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. The procedural schedule is suspended until May 1, 2006. If a written agreement resolving this case is not filed by that date, the Commission will reestablish a procedural schedule to bring this case to conclusion.

2. If an agreement is filed by May 1, 2006, the parties shall appear on May 10, 2006, or an earlier date if it can be arranged, to present the Stipulation and Agreement and to answer questions of the Commission.

3. This order shall become effective on March 28, 2006.

BY THE COMMISSION



Colleen M. Dale Secretary

(SEAL)

Davis, Chm., Murray, Clayton and Appling, CC., concur Gaw, C., absent

Reed, Regulatory Law Judge