## **BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

## **OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

T-Mobile USA, Inc.,

Complainant,

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BPS Telephone Company, Cass County Telephone Company, Citizens Telephone Company of Higginsville, Craw-Kan Telephone Cooperative, Inc., Fidelity Telephone Company, Grand River Mutual Telephone Corporation, Green Hills Telephone Corporation, Holway Telephone Company, Iamo Telephone Company, Kingdom Telephone Company, KLM Telephone Company, Lathrop Telephone Company, and Mark Twain Rural Telephone Company, Case No. TC-2006-0486

Respondents.

## NOTICE REGARDING OBLIGATION TO CEASE BLOCKING PREPARATIONS PENDING COMMISSION DECISION

Issue Date: June 20, 2006

On June 20, 2006, T-Mobile USA, Inc., filed a complaint with the Missouri Public Service Commission against BPS Telephone Company, Cass County Telephone Company, Citizens Telephone Company of Higginsville, Craw-Kan Telephone Cooperative, Inc., Fidelity Telephone Company, Grand River Mutual Telephone Corporation, Green Hills Telephone Corporation, Holway Telephone Company, Iamo Telephone Company, Kingdom Telephone Company, KLM Telephone Company, Lathrop Telephone Company, and Mark Twain Rural Telephone Company. The complaint alleges that the respondent companies, each a rural Local Exchange Carrier (LEC), have notified T-Mobile that they have requested that AT&T Missouri and Sprint Missouri, Inc. block all T-Mobile traffic destined to the specified exchanges of the rural LECs. The rural LECs have informed T-Mobile that they are taking this action pursuant to Commission rule 4 CSR 240-29.130. The blocking of T-Mobile's traffic is to begin on and after June 21, 2006. The rural LECs filed a response opposing T-Mobile's request for expedited treatment on June 20.

Commission rule 4 CSR 240-29.130(9), provides that if an originating carrier, such as T-Mobile, wishes to dispute a proposal to block its traffic, it may do so by filing a formal complaint with the Commission. The next section of the rule, 4 CSR 240-29.130(10), then provides "[i]f an originating carrier and/or traffic aggregator file(s) a formal complaint, the terminating carrier and originating tandem carrier shall cease blocking preparations, pending the commission's decision." T-Mobile, the originating carrier, has filed a formal complaint with the Commission. Therefore, by the explicit terms of the Commission's rule, the rural LECs and the originating tandem carriers must cease blocking preparations, pending the commission's decision regarding T-Mobile's complaint.

No further order of the Commission is contemplated or required by the rule.

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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 20<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2006.

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## BY THE COMMISSION



Colleen M. Dale Secretary