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

In the Matter of the Application of Easy Telepho	one )	
Service Company for Designation as an	)	
Eligible Telecommunications Carrier in the	)	File No. TA-2011-0164
State of Missouri	)	

## STAFF REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

COMES Now the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission and for its recommendation, states as follows:

- 1. On December 7, 2010 Easy Telephone Service Company ("the Company"), a wireless carrier, filed an application with the Missouri Public Service Commission seeking designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier ("ETC") for the purpose of receiving federal universal service fund support for low income customers through Lifeline and LinkUp programs.
- 2. The Commission's present Ordered requires the Staff to file a recommendation on or before May 20, 2011.
- 3. The Staff is finding the review of wireless ETC requests to be much more intricate than in the past. As the Commission is aware, certain allegations concerning wireless ETCs have been brought to the Commission's and Staff's attention. Due to the interconnectedness of the wireless companies and their use of common contractors, the review of these applications has become much more time consuming than in the past. In addition, as the Commission knows, the Telecommunications Department has only six full-time staff members to handle all the telecommunications matters, including those with operation of law dates and other time-sensitive matters.
- 4. As noted in the Staff's May 12 submission, the Staff has yet to receive a response from Louisiana, and has other matters outstanding.

WHEREFORE, the Staff requests that the Commission grant the Staff an additional month to complete its review of this matter, until June 20, 2011.

Respectfully submitted,

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