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In the Matter of the Application       )  
of Big River Telephone Company,       )  
LLC, to Expand Its Certificate       )  
of Basic Local Service Authority       )  
to include Provision of Basic       )  
Local Exchange Telecommunications    )Case No. TA-2007-0093  
Service in the Exchanges of BPS       )  
Telephone Company and to Continue    )  
to Classify the Company and Its       )  
Services as Competitive                )

HAROLD STEARLEY, Presiding  
REGULATORY LAW JUDGE

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1 P R O C E E D I N G S

2 JUDGE STEARLEY: All right. It looks like  
3 everyone's here, so I guess we will go ahead and go on the  
4 record.

5 Today is October 10th, 2006. We're here for a  
6 prehearing conference in the matter of the application of  
7 Big Rigor -- Big River Telephone Company, LLC, to expand  
8 its certificate of basic local service authority to  
9 include provision of basic local exchange  
10 telecommunications service in the exchanges of BPS  
11 Telephone Company and to continue to classify the company  
12 and its services as competitive. It's Case No.  
13 TA-2007-0093.

14 My name is Harold Stearley, and I am the  
15 presiding officer in this matter. Our court reporter  
16 today is Monnie VanZant. And we will now take entries of  
17 appearance beginning with Big Rigor -- Big River. I'm  
18 going to say rigor here all day now.

19 MR. LUMLEY: Thank you. Carl Lumley of the  
20 Curtis Heinz Law Firm appearing on behalf of Big River  
21 Telephone, LLC, 130 South Bemiston, Suite 200, Clayton,  
22 Missouri, 63105.

23 JUDGE STEARLEY: Thank you, Mr. Lumley. BPS  
24 Telephone Company?

25 MS. MORGAN: Sondra B. Morgan and W.R. England,

1     III, of Brydon, Swearngen & England, appearing on behalf  
2     of BPS Telephone Company, Post Office Box 456, Jefferson  
3     City, Missouri, 65102.

4             JUDGE STEARLEY: Thank you, Ms. Morgan. And the  
5     Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission?

6             MS. HEINTZ: Assistant General Counsel Jennifer  
7     Heintz, P.O. Box 360, Jefferson City, Missouri, 65102.

8     Also here from the Staff -- or from the Staff's  
9     Telecommunications Department is Lisa Mahaney.

10            JUDGE STEARLEY: Good. Thank you, Ms. Heintz.  
11     And the Office of Public Counsel?

12            MR. DANDINO: Thank you, your Honor. Michael  
13     Dandino, Office of the Public Counsel, Post Office Box  
14     2230, Jefferson City, Missouri, representing the Office of  
15     Public Counsel and the public.

16            JUDGE STEARLEY: Okay. Thank you, Mr. Dandino.  
17     And I don't believe we have any preliminary matters or  
18     motions before the Commission right now. Is that correct?

19            MR. LUMLEY: Correct.

20            JUDGE STEARLEY: Well, you all are familiar with  
21     our prehearing conferences. We try to bring the parties  
22     together so they can discuss the issues, possibly discuss  
23     settlement and put together a procedural schedule to  
24     submit to the Commission.

25            You all have the room to the end of the day, I

1     guess.  We're starting kind of late today.  And I will be  
2     available in the building if you should need me for any  
3     reasons.  I brought a couple calendars of our current  
4     hearing schedule to leave with you all if it will help you  
5     in putting together a procedural schedule.

6                 And if there's nothing else that needs to be  
7     addressed at this time, we will go off the record.  I'll  
8     leave you all to your deliberations.

9                 MR. LUMLEY:  Thank you, Judge.

10                MR. DANDINO:  Thank you.

11                JUDGE STEARLEY:  Thank you very much.

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