

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

Duke Manufacturing Co.,)	
)	
Complainant,)	
)	
v.)	<u>Case No. TC-2008-0191</u>
)	
McLeodUSA Telecommunications)	
Services, Inc.,)	
)	
Respondent.)	

ORDER GRANTING MOTION TO WITHDRAW

Issue Date: February 27, 2008

Effective Date: February 27, 2008

Duke Manufacturing Co. ("Duke") filed a formal complaint against Respondent McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, Inc. ("McLeod") on December 11, 2007. The complaint was filed on behalf of Duke by its attorney, Diana M. Vuylsteke, who is associated with the law firm of Bryan Cave, LLP.

Exhibit 1 attached to the complaint lists nearly 100 contacts concerning approximately 15 service issues between Duke and McLeod going back over a two-year period, many of which mention Southwestern Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Missouri ("AT&T Missouri"). McLeod filed its answer on January 14, 2008. The answer generally denies that McLeod has failed to provide adequate, just, and reasonable services, and asserts that the majority of the chronic service issues identified by Duke in its complaint relate to the condition of several access loops provided by AT&T Missouri.

On January 18, 2008, Staff filed a pleading requesting that the Commission extend the due date for Staff's report from January 21, 2008 to an unspecified later date,

explaining that "Staff's investigation will of necessity include extensive inquiries of Duke, McLeod, and AT&T Missouri and an examination of the facilities of Duke, McLeod, and AT&T Missouri, as well as that of any other as yet unidentified connecting carriers." This was followed, on February 1, 2008, by Staff's Motion to Join AT&T Missouri as a Party, which has been opposed by AT&T Missouri and is still pending at this time.

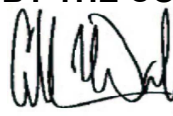
On February 26, 2008, Ms. Vuylsteke filed a motion seeking leave to withdraw as counsel of record for Duke "to avoid a conflict of interest due to Bryan Cave, LLP's representation of AT&T." In the motion, Ms. Vuylsteke further noted that John B. Coffman had previously (February 21, 2008) entered his appearance as attorney of record for Duke.

Given the circumstances outlined above, the Commission finds Ms. Vuylsteke's request for leave to withdraw as counsel of record for Duke to be reasonable and shall grant it.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. Diana M. Vuylsteke is granted leave to withdraw as counsel of record for Duke Manufacturing Co. in Case No. TC-2008-0191, and the Commission now recognizes John B. Coffman as counsel of record for Duke in this matter.
2. This order shall become effective on February 27, 2008.

BY THE COMMISSION



Colleen M. Dale
Secretary

(S E A L)

Benjamin H. Lane, Regulatory
Law Judge, by delegation of authority
under Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 27th day of February, 2008.