OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of a Request for the Modification of the)	
Springfield Metropolitan Calling Area Plan to Make the)	Case No. TO-2005-0143
Ozark Exchange a Mandatory MCA Tier 1 Exchange.)	

ORDER GRANTING ADDITIONAL EXTENSION OF TIME

Issue Date: July 20, 2005 Effective Date: July 20, 2005

During the conference held in this matter on April 19, 2005, the judge directed the applicant, the Office of the Public Counsel, to file its final proposal or a status report on April 27, 2005. That date has been extended several times at Public Counsel's request. The latest filing date set was July 15, 2005.

On July 15, 2005, Public Counsel filed a request for an additional 30-day extension of time. Public Counsel reports that it has been engaged with CenturyTel in discussions concerning various ways to address the expanded calling needs in southwest Missouri communities such as Ozark and Rockaway Beach. Public Counsel states that these discussions have continued to make progress and, therefore, it requests the extension of time to file its final report.

The Commission has considered Public Counsel's request and will grant an additional extension of time.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the Office of the Public Counsel shall file its final recommendation in this matter no later than August 15, 2005.

- 2. That any party may file a response to the Office of the Public Counsel's final recommendation no later than August 25, 2005.
 - 3. That this order shall become effective on July 20, 2005.

BY THE COMMISSION

Colleen M. Dale Secretary

(SEAL)

Vicky Ruth, Senior Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 20th day of July, 2005.