

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

Staff of the Public Service Commission
of the State of Missouri,

Complainant,

v.

New Florence Telephone Company,

Respondent.

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Case No. TC-2006-0184

ORDER ADOPTING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

Issue Date: January 5, 2006

Effective Date: January 5, 2006

On January 3, 2006, the Staff of the Commission filed a proposed procedural schedule that was agreed upon by all the parties.

The Commission finds that the procedural schedule proposed by the parties is reasonable and it will be adopted. The Commission finds that the following conditions shall be applied:

(A) The Commission will require that testimony be prefiled as defined in Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.130.

(B) Pursuant to Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.130(15), testimony and schedules may not be filed under seal and treated as proprietary or highly confidential unless the Commission has first established a protective order. Any testimony or schedule filed without a protective order first being established will be considered public information.

(C) The parties shall agree upon and the Staff shall file a list of the issues to be heard, the witnesses to appear on each day of the hearing and the order in which they will be called, and the order of cross-examination for each witness. Any issue not contained in this list of issues will be viewed as uncontested and not requiring resolution by the Commission.

(D) Each party shall file a prehearing brief. The brief shall state each issue in question, the law that applies to the issue, the facts that the party believes will support its position, and the conclusion suggested. The schedule for filing a post-hearing brief will be determined at the hearing.

(E) All parties are required to bring an adequate number of copies of exhibits that they intend to offer into evidence at the hearing. If an exhibit has not been prefiled, the party offering it shall bring, in addition to the copy for the court reporter, copies for the five Commissioners, the Presiding Judge, and all counsel.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the following procedural schedule is established:

Staff Direct Testimony	- February 22, 2006
Settlement Conference	- February 28, 2006
New Florence Rebuttal Testimony	- March 28, 2006
Staff & Public Counsel Surrebuttal Testimony	- April 11, 2006
Issues List, Order of Witnesses, and Order of Cross	- April 13, 2006
Dispositive Motions	- April 13, 2006
Pre-hearing Briefs	- May 2, 2006

Hearing

- **May 10 & 11, 2006,
beginning at 8:30 a.m.**

2. That in order to effectuate the parties' agreement that an aggressive procedural schedule be followed, and to streamline the discovery process in accordance with their stipulation, two distinct discovery periods are established wherein the deadlines for responses to requests and objections to requests are shortened: From January 3, 2006, up to and including March 28, 2006, any discovery or data request shall be answered within nine (9) days. For the same period, any objection to a request shall be filed within five (5) days. After March 28, 2006, any discovery request shall be answered within seven (7) days, or an objection filed within five (5) days. Time computations for the above deadlines shall be determined as agreed by the parties: Weekends and holidays shall be counted in the computation unless the last day of the period is a weekend or holiday whereupon the response or objection is due on the following business day.

3. That the hearing will be held in Room 310 in the offices of the Missouri Public Service Commission, 200 Madison Street, Jefferson City, Missouri. This hearing will be held in a building that meets accessibility standards required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. If you need additional accommodations to participate in this hearing, please call the Public Service Commission's Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711 before the hearing.

4. That this order shall become effective on January 5, 2006.

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Colleen M. Dale', written over a horizontal line.

Colleen M. Dale
Secretary

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Steven C. Reed, Regulatory Law Judge,
by delegation of authority pursuant to
Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 5th day of January, 2006.