

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of an Investigation into
Various Issues Related to the Missouri
Universal Service Fund

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Case No. TO-98-329

ORDER TO MODIFY REIMBURSEMENT PROCEDURES

Issue Date: April 19, 2007

Effective Date: April 29, 2007

On March 16, 2005, the Commission issued an Order Granting Staff Motion, in which it established an initial assessment percentage amount of 0.0018 for the low-income and disabled portion of the Missouri Universal Service Fund. On March 8, 2007, the Missouri Universal Service Board, on the recommendation of the Fund Administrator, determined that it is necessary to increase the assessment percentage amount from 0.0018 to 0.0029. On March 13, 2007, the Staff of the Commission filed a Motion that also requested the Commission modify the reimbursement procedures telecommunications carriers follow. On March 15, the Commission issued its Order modifying the assessment percentages, but delayed issuing an order on the reimbursement modification until potential intervenors had the opportunity to voice any opposition to it. No party or potential intervenor opposes the modification as proposed by the Staff.

In its March 17, 2005 Order, the Commission set in place a cycle that "requests for reimbursement [by telecommunications companies] shall be made no later than the 15th day of each month, and reimbursements shall be dispatched no later than the last day

of each month." To more clearly delineate between the month-end balance in the Fund and outstanding checks, the Staff recommends that the Commission modify the reimbursement procedures to dispatch reimbursement between the first and the fifth day of the following month.

The Commission finds it reasonable and in the public interest to modify the reimbursement procedure as proposed by the Staff and ordered below.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. Requests for reimbursement by telecommunications companies from the Missouri Universal Service Fund administrator shall be made no later than the 15th day of each month, and reimbursements shall be dispatched between the first and the fifth day of the following month.

2. The Missouri Universal Service Fund administrator shall begin disbursements in compliance with paragraph one above on the effective date of this Order.

3. No other terms of assessment, operation or funding of the Missouri Universal Service Fund are altered by this Order.

4. The Data Center of the Commission shall send a copy of this Order to all certificated telecommunications companies, except payphone providers and shared tenant services providers.

5. This order shall become effective on April 29, 2007.

6. This case may be closed on or after April 30, 2007.

BY THE COMMISSION

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Colleen M. Dale
Secretary

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Colleen M. Dale, Chief Regulatory Law Judge,
by delegation of authority pursuant to
Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 19th day of April, 2007.