

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Name Change from Talk) **Case No. TN-2007-0276**
America, Inc. to Talk America, Inc. d/b/a) Tariff Nos. JC-2007-0513, YC-2007-0510,
Cavalier Telephone and Talk America, Inc.) YC-2007-0511, YC-2007-0512,
d/b/a Cavalier Business Communications) YX-2007-0508, YX-2007-0509

ORDER DIRECTING STAFF TO INVESTIGATE AND FILE A REPORT

Issue Date: January 25, 2007

Effective Date: January 25, 2007

On January 23, 2007, Talk America, Inc. (“Talk America”) filed a letter notifying the Missouri Public Service Commission of a set of two corporate name changes. According to the letter, the purpose of the changes is: (1) to enable Talk America to provide traditional residential telecommunications services in Missouri under the fictitious name “Cavalier Telephone,” and (2) to enable Talk America to provide traditional business telecommunications services in Missouri under the fictitious name “Cavalier Business Communications.”¹

Accompanying the letter are documents showing that Talk America registered both fictitious names with the Missouri Secretary of State on December 29, 2006, and that these two registrations do not expire until December 29, 2011. Also attached to the letter are six complete sets of replacement tariff sheets: three for Talk America, Inc. d/b/a Cavalier Telephone; and the other three for Talk America, Inc. d/b/a Cavalier Business Communications.² However, according to the letter, the replacement tariffs contain no

¹ This would result in the following new corporate names, respectively: (1) Talk America, Inc. d/b/a Cavalier Telephone; and (2) Talk America, Inc. d/b/a Cavalier Business Communications.

² All six tariffs have an effective date of February 22, 2007.

substantive changes. Rather, the revisions include only: (1) the corporate name changes referred to above; (2) the addition of sequential page numbers to each page; and (3) a change in the identity of the company employee responsible for maintaining Talk America's tariff records, as reflected in the footer on each page. Finally, the letter indicates that Talk America's customers have already been notified of the name changes.

The letter and attachments substantially comply with the applicable Commission Rules governing the contents of applications for corporate name changes and setting forth filing requirements for telecommunications company tariffs.³

Although the issues presented in this case are neither involved nor complicated, the Commission would nevertheless like to have the benefit of a brief investigation by its Staff before it further considers this matter. Therefore, Staff will be directed to commence an investigation and promptly file a report containing its recommendation as to whether the Commission should recognize Talk America's name changes and approve the accompanying replacement tariffs.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. The Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission shall promptly commence an investigation into the merits of the application filed by Talk America, Inc. on January 23, 2007.
2. The Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission shall file a report concerning the results of its investigation by no later than Wednesday, February 14, 2007.

³ These regulations are 4 CSR 240-2.060(5), 4 CSR 240-3.020(1), and 4 CSR 240-3.545.

3. This order shall become effective on January 25, 2007.

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 25th day of January, 2007.