

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Joint Application of Cass County Telephone Company, Limited Partnership, LEC Long Distance, Inc. d/b/a CassTel Long Distance, FairPoint Communications, Inc., FairPoint Communications Missouri, Inc. d/b/a FairPoint Communications, and ST Long Distance, Inc. d/b/a FairPoint Communications Long Distance for Authority to Transfer and Acquire Cass County Telephone Company, Limited Partnership's and LEC Distance, Inc.'s Facilities or Systems Located in the State of Missouri; 2) for Issuance of Certificates of Service Authority to FairPoint Communications Missouri, Inc. d/b/a FairPoint Communications and ST Long Distance, Inc. d/b/a FairPoint Communications Long Distance; and 3) to Designate FairPoint Communications Missouri, Inc. d/b/a FairPoint Communications as a Telecommunications Carrier Eligible to Receive Federal Universal Service Support)

Case No. TM-2006-0306

ORDER DIRECTING STAFF TO FILE A RECOMMENDATION

Issue Date: March 15, 2006

Effective Date: March 15, 2006

Cass County Telephone Company, Limited Partnership; LEC Long Distance, Inc., d/b/a CassTel Long Distance; FairPoint Communications, Inc.; FairPoint Communications Missouri, Inc., d/b/a FairPoint Communications; and ST Long Distance, Inc., d/b/a FairPoint Communications Long Distance, have filed a joint application asking the Commission to approve FairPoint's acquisition of the assets of the CassTel companies. The Commission directed its Staff to indicate when it would be able to file a recommendation regarding the application. Staff complied with that order on March 13, stating that it will file its

recommendation no later than April 14. Since Staff indicates that it will be able to file a recommendation by April 14, it will be directed to do so.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. The Staff of the Commission shall file a recommendation regarding the joint application of Cass County Telephone Company, Limited Partnership; LEC Long Distance, Inc., d/b/a CassTel Long Distance; FairPoint Communications, Inc.; FairPoint Communications Missouri, Inc., d/b/a FairPoint Communications; and ST Long Distance, Inc., d/b/a FairPoint Communications Long Distance, no later than April 14, 2006.

2. This order shall become effective on March 15, 2006.

BY THE COMMISSION



Colleen M. Dale
Secretary

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Morris L. Woodruff, Deputy Chief Regulatory
Law Judge, by delegation of authority
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 15th day of March, 2006.