

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 NOTICE AND SETTING DATE FOR SUBMISSION
OF INTERVENTION REQUESTS

Issue Date: January 25, 2006

Effective Date: January 25, 2006

On January 23, 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 filed a Joint Application for authority to transfer the assets of the CassTel companies to FairPoint.

The Commission finds that notice of this Joint Application should be given to the general public and potentially interested parties. A date for intervention of proper parties

will also be set. The Commission's Data Center shall mail a copy of this notice to the County Commissions of Cass, Bates, and Johnson Counties. In addition, the Commission's public information officer shall make notice of this order available to the media serving Cass, Bates, and Johnson Counties and to the members of the General Assembly representing Cass, Bates, and Johnson Counties.

The requirement of a hearing has been fulfilled when all those having a desire to be heard are offered an opportunity to be heard. If no proper party is granted intervention and neither the Commission's Staff nor the Office of the Public Counsel requests a hearing, the Commission may determine that a hearing is not necessary.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the Missouri Public Service Commission's Data Center is ordered to serve notice as set out herein.
2. That the Missouri Public Service Commission's information officer is ordered to serve notice as set out herein.
3. That any proper person wishing to intervene in this matter shall file an application to do so no later than February 14, 2006. Such applications shall be filed with:

Secretary
Missouri Public Service Commission
P.O. Box 360
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102

with a copy served on:

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and:

Office of the Public Counsel
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4. That this order shall become effective on January 25, 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 25th day of January, 2006.