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1 P R O C E E D I N G S

2 JUDGE REED: Okay. We're here for Case
3 No. TO-2006-0172 in the matter of the Application of
4 Missouri RSA No. 5 Partnership for Designation as a
5 Telecommunications Carrier Eligible for Federal
6 Universal Service Support. My name is Steve Reed.
7 I'm the Regulatory Law Judge assigned to preside over
8 this case.

9 The purpose of today's hearing is a
10 prehearing conference in order for the parties to
11 establish or to begin to establish a procedural
12 schedule. Let's have entries of appearance beginning
13 with the Missouri RSA No. 5.

14 MR. DeFORD: Thank you, your Honor.
15 Paul S. DeFord with the law firm of Lathrop & Gage,
16 2345 Grand Boulevard, Kansas City, Missouri 64108,
17 appearing on behalf of Missouri RSA No. 5
18 Partnership.

19 JUDGE REED: Staff of the Commission.

20 MR. HAAS: William K. Haas appearing on
21 behalf of the Staff of the Commission. My address is
22 Post Office Box 360, Jefferson City, Missouri.

23 JUDGE REED: Okay. Public counsel.

24 MR. DANDINO: Michael Dandino, Office of
25 the Public Counsel, Post Office Box 2230, Jefferson

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1 City, Missouri 65102, representing the Office of
2 Public Counsel and the public.

3 JUDGE REED: Mr. Stewart, you represent
4 Century-Tel and Spectra; is that right?

5 MR. STEWART: Thank you, your Honor.
6 Charles Brent Stewart of the law firm of Stewart &
7 Keevil, LLC, 4603 John Garry Drive, Suite 11,
8 Columbia, Missouri 65203, appearing on behalf of
9 Spectra Communications Group, LLC, doing business as
10 Century-Tel and Century-Tel of Missouri, LLC.

11 JUDGE REED: Mr. McCartney.

12 MR. McCARTNEY: Brian McCartney of the
13 law firm of Brydon, Swearingen & England, PC. Our
14 address is 312 East Capitol Avenue, Jefferson City,
15 Missouri 65102, appearing on behalf of Grand River
16 Mutual Telephone Corporation, Mark Twain Rural
17 Telephone Company and Northeast Missouri Rural
18 Telephone Company.

19 JUDGE REED: Mr. Gryzmala, can you hear
20 me?

21 MR. GRYZMALA: Yes, I certainly can,
22 your Honor. This is Robert Gryzmala on behalf of
23 Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P., doing business as
24 AT&T Missouri. My address is One SBC Center, Room
25 3516, St. Louis, Missouri 63101.

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1 JUDGE REED: Is that everyone? All
2 right. Good. We had to continue the prehearing
3 conference that was set I think a week ago. I think
4 that when I set that conference, I had set a date for
5 a procedural schedule to be filed by tomorrow, but in
6 light of the holiday -- and anyone who wants to speak
7 to this surely can -- I was gonna suggest that we
8 have to get a procedural schedule by December 30th
9 possibly, or given the holidays, we could go a little
10 bit longer, maybe until the first week of January.

11 I'm sure that the applicant here wants
12 to keep the case moving. So Mr. DeFord, what do you
13 think?

14 MR. DeFord: I'm flexible on that. I
15 think we can actually go ahead with our direct filing
16 even before the schedule is established.

17 JUDGE REED: Mr. Haas, do you have
18 anything on that?

19 MR. HAAS: December 30th is fine.

20 MR. STEWART: That's fine.

21 MR. DANDINO: That's fine.

22 THE COURT: All right. Let's set the
23 date for the procedural schedule to be filed by
24 December 30. I think that's next week Friday. Is
25 there anything else that any of the parties need from

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1 me before you guys get started?

2 (NO RESPONSE.)

3 JUDGE REED: Okay. I guess that's it.

4 Thank you.

5 (PROCEEDINGS CONCLUDED.)

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