

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service
Commission held at its office in
Jefferson City on the 17th day of
May, 2012.

In the Matter of the Revised Tariff Filing of)	<u>File No. TR-2012-0298</u>
Choctaw Telephone Company)	Tariff No. JI-2012-0441

ORDER MODIFYING EFFECTIVE DATE OF TARIFF

Issue Date: May 17, 2012

Effective Date: May 27, 2012

On May 1, 2012, the Commission issued an order denying Public Counsel's motion to suspend a tariff submitted by Choctaw Telephone Company to change its approved rates for local telephone service. In that same order, the Commission approved Choctaw's tariff to become effective on July 1, the effective date chosen by the company at the request of the Commission's Staff.

On May 15, Choctaw filed a motion asking the Commission to modify its May 1 order to approve the tariff to be effective on June 1 instead of July 1. Choctaw explains that this modification is necessary because the Federal Communications Commission issued an order on May 14 in which it clarifies an earlier order to specify that Choctaw's tariff to increase its local service rates must be in effect by June 1, if the company is to avoid the loss of USF support that prompted it to file the tariff. Previously the company, Staff, and the Commission had believed that the tariff needed to be in effect by July 1 to avoid the loss of USF support.

Given the changes demanded by the Federal Communications Commission, the Commission will grant Choctaw's motion and will modify its May 1 order as the company

requests. The Commission will give this order a ten-day effective date to allow time for the filing of an application for rehearing by any party that may wish to do so.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The Commission's May 1, 2012 Order Denying Public Counsel's Motion to Suspend and Approving Tariff is modified to provide that Choctaw Telephone Company's tariff, Tariff Tracking Number JI-2012-0441, is approved to become effective on June 1, 2012.

2. This order shall become effective on May 27, 2012.

BY THE COMMISSION

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Steven C. Reed
Secretary

Gunn, Chm., Jarrett and Kenney, CC., concur.

Woodruff, Chief Regulatory Law Judge