## OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

| In the Matter of the Application of NuVox       | ) |                       |
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| Communications of Missouri, Inc., for Authority | ) | Case No. TF-2006-0408 |
| to Provide Its Security in Connection with      | ) |                       |
| Financing                                       | ) |                       |

## ORDER DIRECTING STAFF TO FILE A RECOMMENDATION OR INDICATE WHEN IT CAN FILE A RECOMMENDATION

Issue Date: April 20, 2006 Effective Date: April 20, 2006

On April 18, 2006, NuVox Communications of Missouri, Inc. ("NuVox Communications") filed an application for authority to provide its guarantee, serve as co-borrower, or otherwise provide security, in connection with financings for its parent, Gabriel Communications Finance Company, a subsidiary of NuVox, Inc. Along with its Application, NuVox Communications filed a request for expedited treatment contending that a Commission ruling on or before May 10, 2006, was needed to meet timelines imposed by financing negotiations.

The Commission will need to have a recommendation from its Staff before acting on the application. In an attempt to afford NuVox Communications the expedited consideration it contends is required, the Commission will direct Staff to file its recommendation on or before April 27, 2006, or if Staff is unable to meet this deadline, a pleading indicating when Staff will be able to file its recommendation.

## IT IS ORDERED THAT:

- 1. The Staff of the Commission shall, no later than April 27, 2006, file either its recommendation regarding NuVox Communications of Missouri, Inc.'s application, or a pleading advising the Commission when Staff will be able to file its recommendation.
  - 2. This order shall become effective on April 20, 2006.

BY THE COMMISSION

Colleen M. Dale Secretary

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Cherlyn D. Voss, Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 20th day of April 2006.