BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION 1 2 STATE OF MISSOURI 3 _____ 4 TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS 5 CONFERENCE July 17, 2006 6 7 Jefferson City, Missouri 8 Volume 1 9 10 In the Matter of McLeodUSA) 11 Telecommunications Services, Inc.'s)Case No. Tariff Filing to Increase Its)TT-2006-0474 12 Missouri Intrastate Access Rates) 13 14 15 16 CHERLYN D. VOSS, REGULATORY LAW JUDGE. 17 ____ 18 19 20 21 REPORTED BY: 22 TRACY L. THORPE, CSR, CCR MIDWEST LITIGATION SERVICES 23 24 25

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PROCEEDINGS 1 2 JUDGE VOSS: Good morning. We're here for the prehearing in Commission Case No. TT-2006-0474 in the matter 3 4 of McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, Inc.'s tariff filing 5 to increase its Missouri intrastate access rates. 6 My name is Cherlyn Voss. I'm the Regulatory Law Judge assigned to hear this case. And I guess we'll begin 7 8 with entries of appearance beginning with McLeodUSA, followed 9 by AT&T Missouri and Staff. 10 MS. YOUNG: Thank you, Judge. Please reflect 11 the appearance of Mary Ann Young and William D. Steinmeier, of the law firm of William D. Steinmeier, PC at PO Box 104595, 12 13 Jefferson City, Missouri 65110 on behalf of McLeodUSA 14 Telecommunications Services, Inc. 15 MR. LANE: Good morning. Paul Lane appearing on behalf of Southwestern Bell Telephone, LP doing business as 16 AT&T Missouri and AT&T Communications of the Southwest, Inc. 17 18 My address is One AT&T Center, Room 3520, St. Louis, Missouri 63101. 19 20 MR. HAAS: Good morning. William K. Haas 21 appearing on behalf of the Staff of the Public Service 22 Commission. My address is Post Office Box 360, Jefferson 23 City, Missouri 65102. 24 JUDGE VOSS: Let the record show that the 25 Office of Public Counsel is not present.

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The primary purpose of the prehearing is to 1 bring the parties together to discuss any discovery issues, 2 any settlement possibilities and to work toward a procedural 3 4 schedule because as I believe the parties are aware, the 5 Commission calendar is very congested and it would be a good 6 idea if a prehearing -- or a hearing is required, to schedule 7 it as rapidly as possible. 8 To that end, unless there's an objection by one of the parties, I'm going to ask that the parties file a 9 10 procedural schedule on or before this Friday, which is the 21st of July, I believe. 11 12 Also, point out there's one motion pending, a 13 motion for protective order filed by McLeodUSA. If no one has 14 any objections, I will grant that motion. 15 MR. LANE: No objections. 16 MR. HAAS: No objection. JUDGE VOSS: I will grant that motion and 17 issue that standard protective order this afternoon, help with 18 speeding discovery. 19 20 Do any parties have any other issues for the 21 on-the-record portion? 22 Hearing none, that will conclude the 23 on-the-record portion of this prehearing. 24 WHEREUPON, the hearing was concluded. 25

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