OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of Ellington)
Telephone Company for Authority to Borrow an)
Amount Not To Exceed \$3,000,000 from) <u>Case No. TF-2008-0298</u>
CoBank Under a Twelve (12) Year Secured)
Credit Facility and in Connection Therewith to)
Execute a Lien and Security Interest.)

ORDER DIRECTING STAFF TO FILE RECOMMENDATION

Issue Date: March 12, 2008 Effective Date: March 12, 2008

On March 10, 2008, Ellington Telephone Company filed an application with the Missouri Public Service Commission seeking authority to borrow up to \$3 million from CoBank under a twelve year secured credit facility. Before acting on Ellington's application, the Commission will need to have a recommendation from its Staff.

The Commission will order Staff to file its recommendation by May 12. If Staff is unable to properly prepare its recommendation by that date, it can, of course, request more time.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. The Commission's Staff shall file its recommendation regarding Ellington Telephone Company's application for authority to borrow up to \$3 million from CoBank no later than May 12, 2008.

2. This order will become effective on March 12, 2008.

BY THE COMMISSION

Colleen M. Dale Secretary

(SEAL)

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 12th day of March, 2008.