

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

In the Matter of a Recommendation )  
Concerning the Surcharge for Deaf Relay )  
Service and Equipment Distribution Program )  
Fund. )

Case No. TO-2005-0308

**STAFF RESPONSE TO SECOND ORDER DIRECTING FILING**

**COMES NOW** the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission and for its response states:

On May 18, 2005, the Commission directed the Staff to respond to the questions below.

1. Staff Exhibit 1, Appendix 1-15 refers to “freezing the CapTel Program at the “June 30, 2005 Service Levels.”

- a. Please clarify what is meant by this phrase “June 30, 2005 Service Levels.”

Response: June 30, 2005 Service Levels reflect an estimate of amounts to be billed in June for service provided in April.

- b. What is the anticipated total number of CapTel phones that would have been distributed prior to the freeze?

Response: 273

2. Staff Exhibit 1, Appendix 1-15, provides information regarding the impact on the fund balance of selected surcharges (\$0.10, \$0.12, \$0.15, and \$0.18) if the CapTel program is frozen at the June 30, 2005 service levels.

- a. Provide the same type of data for surcharges of \$0.11 and \$0.14.

Response: The data for surcharges of \$0.11 and \$0.14 are provided in the attached Exhibit 7. See Pages 1 through 3.

- b. Clarify the number of minutes of CapTel usage that was assumed for these surcharges.

Response: 153

c. If 153 minutes of CapTel usage were used in creating the scenarios in Appendix 1-15 and question 2(a) above, calculate the scenarios based upon 175 minutes of CapTel usage.

Response: See Exhibit 7, Pages 4 through 6.

3. Several of Staff's scenarios include the "freezing" of the CapTel program. If the Commission decides to "freeze" the CapTel program, how much notice of such action should be given to program participants and interested entities?

Response: The Staff is seeking input from the administrator of the equipment distribution program in responding to this question. The Staff will respond to this question after receiving that input.

Respectfully submitted,

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