

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Petition of Chariton Valley)
Telephone Corp. for Arbitration of Unresolved)
Issues Pertaining to a Section 251(b)(5) Agreement) **Case No. TO-2005-0374**
with United States Cellular Corporation)

In the Matter of the Petition of Northeast Missouri)
Rural Telephone for Arbitration of Unresolved)
Issues Pertaining to a Section 251(b)(5) Agreement) **Case No. TO-2005-0375**
with United States Cellular Corporation)

In the Matter of the Petition of Mid-Missouri Telephone)
Company for Arbitration of Unresolved Issues)
Pertaining to a Section 251(b)(5) Agreement) **Case No. TO-2005-0376**
with United States Cellular Corporation)

In the Matter of the Petition of Choctaw Telephone)
Company for Arbitration of Unresolved Issues)
Pertaining to a Section 251(b)(5) Agreement) **Case No. TO-2005-0377**
with United States Cellular Corporation)

In the Matter of the Petition of Alma Telephone)
Company for Arbitration of Unresolved Issues)
Pertaining to a Section 251(b)(5) Agreement) **Case No. TO-2005-0378**
with United States Cellular Corporation)

In the Matter of the Petition of MoKan Dial, Inc..)
for Arbitration of Unresolved Issues Pertaining)
to a Section 251(b)(5) Agreement with United) **Case No. TO-2005-0379**
States Cellular Corporation)

ORDER CONSOLIDATING CASES

On April 20, 2005, Chariton Valley Telephone Corporation requested that the Commission arbitrate its unresolved interconnection issues with United States Cellular Corporation. On the same day, Northeast Missouri Rural Telephone, Mid-Missouri Telephone Company, Choctaw Telephone Company, Alma Telephone Company, and MoKan Dial, Inc., also filed arbitration petitions involving U.S. Cellular.

Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.110(3) states that the Commission may consolidate cases that involve related questions of law or fact. The Commission finds that these cases involve related questions of law and fact, and that the Commission should therefore consolidate them. The Commission will designate Case No. TO-2005-0374 as the lead case. All further pleadings in this matter should bear Case No. TO-2005-0374.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That Case Nos. TO-2005-0375, TO-2005-0376, TO-2005-0377, TO-2005-0378, and TO-2005-0379 are consolidated with Case No. TO-2005-0374.
2. That Case No. TO-2005-0374 shall be the lead case, and that all pleadings in this matter shall bear Case No. TO-2005-0374.
3. That this order shall become effective on April 22, 2005.

BY THE COMMISSION

(S E A L)

Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

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

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 22nd day of April, 2005.