

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

In the Matter of the Application of Mark)
Twain Communications Company for a)
Nunc Pro Tunc Order Specifying the)
Service Area of Mark Twain)
Communications and Redefining the)
Service Area of Spectra Communications)
for Purposes of Mark Twain's ETC)
Service Area and Federal Universal)
Service Support Pursuant to Section 254)
of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.)

Case No. TO-2006-0100

PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) and for its Proposed Procedural Schedule states:

1. In compliance with the Commission's October 24, 2005 *Order Setting Pre-Hearing Conference and Requiring Proposed Procedural Schedule*, the parties have jointly met, discussed, and prepared the following proposed procedural schedule, with Staff designated to file and propose same on behalf of all the parties.

2. The Commission previously granted Mark Twain Communications ETC status in 2000. This case is brought to address deficiencies with respect to ETC status pointed out several years after the original designation. This case is unique, and differs from other eligible telecommunications carrier ("ETC") applications previously granted by the Commission and applications now pending before the Commission.

3. In view of the unique circumstances of this case, this procedural schedule is in two parts, the second of which is a contested case procedure which will apply in the event a stipulation to submit to the Commission is not reached, or in the event a submitted stipulation is

rejected by the Commission as an acceptable basis upon which to enter an Order. In addition, the parties have stipulated to serve all data requests by electronic mail, that objections to data requests must be made within 5 days of service of the data requests, and that answers to data requests not objected to must be provided within ten days of service of the data request. The parties request that the Order Establishing Procedural Schedule so indicate.

4. With this in mind, the parties, through Staff, jointly submit the following proposed procedural schedule:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Action</u>
December 5, 2005	Signatory parties file Stipulation.
December 12, 2005	Deadline for any non-signatory parties to object to Stipulation.
December 19, 2005	On the record presentation of Stipulation, if deemed necessary by the Commission.
January 9, 2006	Commission/ALJ to indicate whether Commission will enter order based upon Stipulation.

5. If the Commission accepts the Stipulation as the basis for entering its Order, no further proceedings will be conducted, unless as otherwise directed by the Commission.

6. If no stipulation is filed, or a party not signatory to a non-unanimous stipulation makes a timely request for hearing, or if the Commission rejects the Stipulation as a basis upon which to enter an Order, the parties propose the following contested case schedule:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Action</u>
January 27, 2006	Applicant Direct Testimony Due.
February 17, 2006	Staff, OPC, Spectra Rebuttal Testimony Due.

February 22, 2006	Joint Filing of List of Issues, Order of Witnesses, Order of Cross Examination
February 24, 2006	Statements of Position Due.
March 2, 2006	Hearing
	Briefing and/or Proposed Orders as determined by the Commission after conclusion of the hearing.

WHEREFORE, on behalf of the parties, the Staff proposes the above procedural schedule.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or electronically mailed to all counsel of record this 10th day of November 2005.

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