

# BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Staff's Review of the Commission's )  
Chapter 31 Rules )

File No. TW-2017-0078

## ORDER DENYING EXTENSION OF TIME TO OFFER COMMENTS

Issue Date: October 20, 2017

Effective Date: October 20, 2017

The Commission opened this file to assist Staff in its review of the Commission's Chapter 31 rules regarding universal service. On October 17, 2017, Staff filed a request for comments regarding possible changes to those rules, but allowed only until October 23 to submit those comments. Upon reading Staff's request, numerous industry stakeholders filed motions asking for more time to submit their comments.<sup>1</sup>

The Commission understands the concerns expressed by the stakeholders, but will not grant the requested extensions. The short time allowed for these initial comments is merely the first step in a more extensive review process. Staff requested quick responses to allow for the possibility of stakeholder input before the suggested rule revisions are presented to the Commission and then to the Governor's Office for a more detailed review in accordance with time-frames requested by the Governor's Office. Stakeholders will have additional opportunities to offer comments and suggestions during that informal review process. Ultimately, any proposed changes to the rules will be reviewed by the Commission

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<sup>1</sup> A Joint Motion for Extension of Time was filed on October 18 by the Missouri Small Telephone Company Group (STCG); Missouri Independent Telephone Company Group (MITG); AT&T; CenturyLink; Windstream Missouri, LLC; and FairPoint Communications Missouri, Inc.d/b/a FairPoint Communications. A separate Motion for Extension of Time was filed on October 20 by the Missouri Cable Telecommunications Association (MCTA).

and, if appropriate, promulgated through the statutory rulemaking process, which will afford stakeholders further opportunity to be heard.

**THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:**

1. The Joint Motion for Extension of Time filed on October 18, 2017, is denied.
2. The Motion for Extension of Time filed on October 20, 2017, is denied.
3. This order shall be effective when issued.



**BY THE COMMISSION**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Morris L. Woodruff".

Morris L. Woodruff  
Secretary

Morris L. Woodruff, Chief Regulatory Law Judge,  
by delegation of authority pursuant to  
Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,  
on this 20<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2017.

**STATE OF MISSOURI**

**OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

I have compared the preceding copy with the original on file in this office and I do hereby certify the same to be a true copy therefrom and the whole thereof.

**WITNESS** my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission,  
at Jefferson City, Missouri, this 20<sup>th</sup> day of October 2017.



  
**Morris L. Woodruff**  
**Secretary**

**MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**October 20, 2017**

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**Enclosed find a certified copy of an Order or Notice issued in the above-referenced matter(s).**

*Sincerely,*



**Morris L. Woodruff  
Secretary**

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