

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Proposed New Rule)	
4 CSR 240-3.570 Regarding Eligible)	
Telecommunications Carrier Designations)	<u>Case No. TX-2006-0169</u>
for Receipt of Federal Universal Service)	
Fund Support)	

ORDER DIRECTING FILING

Issue Date: January 13, 2006

Effective Date: January 13, 2006

On October 13, 2005, the Missouri Public Service Commission issued a Notice of Finding and Necessity and Opening New Case. The Commission is charged with determining which telecommunication carriers are eligible to receive Federal Universal Service Funds.

A public hearing was held on January 6 and 10, 2006, to receive comments from participating parties. At that hearing, Commissioners raised questions concerning wireless carriers' participation in and contribution to the statewide dual-party relay system.

Section 209.255, RSMo, directs the Commission to establish a rate recovery mechanism, applicable to all local exchange carriers, to recover the costs of implementing and maintaining the statewide dual-party relay system.

The Commission requests parties to respond to the following questions: Should a CMRS provider, as a condition of ETC status, be required to reimburse the Deaf Relay Fund for costs associated with implementing and maintaining the statewide dual-party relay

system? If so, please provide proposed rule language to codify such a requirement; and what the fiscal impact would be to CMRS providers for implementing such a condition.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the Missouri Public Service Commission requests parties to file their responses to the above-mentioned questions by 11:59 a.m., Tuesday, January 17, 2006.
2. That this order shall become effective on January 13, 2006.

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Colleen M. Dale', written over a horizontal line.

Colleen M. Dale
Secretary

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Colleen M. Dale, Chief Regulatory Law
Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant
to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 13th day of January, 2006 .