

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service Commission held at its office in Jefferson City on the 5th day of June, 2007.

Application of USCOC of Greater Missouri, LLC for)
Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier)
pursuant to the Telecommunications Act of 1996) **Case No. TO-2005-0384**

ORDER DENYING APPLICATIONS FOR REHEARING

Issue Date: June 5, 2007

Effective Date: June 5, 2007

On May 3, 2007, the Commission issued a Report and Order granting USCOC of Greater Missouri, LLC, d/b/a U.S. Cellular's application for designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier for the purpose of receiving support from the federal Universal Service Fund. That Report and Order became effective on May 13.

On May 11, Spectra Communications Group, LLC d/b/a CenturyTel of Missouri and CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC; the Missouri Small Telephone Company Group (STCG); and U.S. Cellular filed timely applications for rehearing. As an alternative to its Application for Rehearing, U.S. Cellular also filed a request for clarification.

Section 386.500.1, RSMo (2000), indicates the Commission shall grant an application for rehearing if "in its judgment sufficient reason therefor be made to appear." The applications for rehearing submitted by STCG and CenturyTel largely restate the positions they espoused at the hearing. The Commission rejected those positions in its Report and Order and they do not need to be further addressed.

U.S. Cellular only requested rehearing of the portion of the order that imposed an annual base line spending requirement for U.S. Cellular's capital investment in expanding cell phone service in its rural Missouri market. The Commission has already considered and rejected U.S. Cellular's objections to the base line spending requirement in its Report and Order and those objections will not be addressed again in this order.

U.S. Cellular, as an alternative to its application for rehearing, requests clarification of the base line spending requirement portion of the Commission's order. The Commission believes its order is correct and does not require further clarification. U.S. Cellular's request for clarification will be denied.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. The Small Telephone Company Group's Application for Rehearing is denied.
2. Spectra Communications Group, LLC d/b/a CenturyTel and CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC's Application for Rehearing is denied.
3. USCOC of Greater Missouri d/b/a U.S. Cellular's Application for Rehearing is denied.
4. USCOC of Greater Missouri d/b/a U.S. Cellular's Request for Clarification is denied.

5. This order shall become effective on June 5, 2007.

BY THE COMMISSION



Colleen M. Dale
Secretary

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Davis, Chm., Murray and Gaw, CC., concur
Clayton and Appling, CC., dissent

Woodruff, Deputy Chief Regulatory Law Judge