

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

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 GRANTING APPLICATIONS TO INTERVENE AND DIRECTING**  
**THE PARTIES TO FILE A PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

Issue Date: May 27, 2005

Effective Date: May 27, 2005

On April 22, 2005, USCOC of Greater Missouri, LLC, d/b/a U.S. Cellular filed an application requesting that the Commission designate it as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier pursuant to Section 214(e)(2) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. The Commission issued an order on April 26 notifying the public and all incumbent and competitive local exchange carriers certificated to provide service in Missouri of the filing of the application. The order also indicated that any party wishing to intervene must file an application to intervene no later than May 16.

Timely applications to intervene were received from Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Missouri; Spectra Communications Group, LLC d/b/a CenturyTel and CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC; and a group of telephone companies calling themselves the

Small Telephone Company Group.<sup>1</sup> No party has opposed any of the applications to intervene.

Each of the applications to intervene establishes that the party seeking to intervene has an interest in this case that is different from that of the general public. Furthermore, each party's interest may be adversely affected by a final order arising from this case. Therefore, Commission rule 4 CSR 240-2.075(4) permits the Commission to grant each of the applications to intervene.

The Office of the Public Counsel has requested an evidentiary hearing and several of the intervenors have indicated their opposition to U.S. Cellular's application. Therefore, the Commission will require the parties to develop and submit a proposed procedural schedule leading to a hearing regarding the application.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. That Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Missouri's Application to Intervene is granted.
2. That Spectra Communications Group, LLC d/b/a CenturyTel and CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC's Application to Intervene is granted.
3. That the Small Telephone Company Group's Application to Intervene is granted.

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<sup>1</sup> The Small Telephone Company Group filed an amended application to intervene on May 26. The purpose of the amended application was simply to correct the name of one of the member companies. As identified in the amended application to intervene, the members of the Small Telephone Company Group are as follows: BPS Telephone Company, Choctaw Telephone Company, Craw-Kan Telephone Cooperative, Inc., Ellington Telephone Company, Farber Telephone Company, Fidelity Telephone Company, Goodman Telephone Company, Granby Telephone Company, Grand River Mutual Telephone Corporation, Holway Telephone Company, IAMO Telephone Corporation, Kingdom Telephone Company, Le-Ru Telephone Company, Mark Twain Rural Telephone Company, Mid-Missouri Telephone Company, Miller Telephone Company, New Florence Telephone Company, New London Telephone Company, Northeast Missouri Rural Telephone Company, Orchard Farm Telephone Company, Peace Valley Telephone Company, Inc., Seneca Telephone Company, Steelville Telephone Exchange, Inc., and Stoutland Telephone Company.

4. That the parties shall file a proposed procedural schedule no later than June 15, 2005.

5. That this order shall become effective on May 27, 2005.

**BY THE COMMISSION**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Colleen M. Dale', written in a cursive style.

Colleen M. Dale  
Secretary

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Morris L. Woodruff, Senior Regulatory Law  
Judge, by delegation of authority  
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,  
on this 27th day of May, 2005.