## **BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

## **OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

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In the Matter of the Petition for Arbitration of Unresolved Issues in a Section 251(b)(5) Agreement with T-Mobile USA, Inc. Case No. TO-2006-0147 consolidated with Case No. TO-2004-0151

## **ORDER DENYING MOTION FOR CLARIFICATION**

Issue Date: February 22, 2006

Effective Date: February 22, 2006

On February 16, 2006, prior to issuing a Preliminary Arbitration Report, the Arbitrator issued an Order Directing Filing. The Order directed Petitioners, a number of small rural carriers, to file revised cost studies based on assumptions and conclusions set forth in the Arbitrator's report. Respondents, T-Mobile and Cingular, were given the alternative to either also file revised studies or respond to those filed by Petitioners.

On February 17, 2006, Respondents filed a motion for clarification requesting that certain conclusions and assumption made in the report be clarified. On February 21, 2006, Petitioners filed a response in opposition to the motion.

The Arbitrator notes that the decisions made in the report can only be as clear or complete as the issue being addressed and certainly no better than the positions offered by the parties. Additionally, Respondents can run their own cost studies or file a response to Petitioners' cost studies. Finally, aside from the Order Directing Filing, the parties are to file comments to the report. Respondents might address their concerns in their comments. For these reasons, the Arbitrator will deny Respondents' motion.

## IT IS ORDERED THAT:

- 1. Respondents' Motion for Expedited Clarification is denied.
- 2. This order shall become effective on February 22, 2006.



Colleen M. Dale Secretary

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Kennard L. Jones, Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 22nd day of February, 2006.