## **BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

## **OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

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In the Matter of the Application for Approval of the Transfer of Control of Alltel Missouri, Inc., and the Transfer of Alltel Communications, Inc., Interexchange Service Customer Base

Case No. TM-2006-0272

## ORDER ADOPTING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

Issue Date: February 17, 2006

Effective Date: February 17, 2006

On February 16, 2006, the Staff of the Commission filed a proposed procedural schedule that has been agreed upon by all the parties. The Commission finds that the procedural schedule proposed by the parties is reasonable and it will be adopted. The Commission finds that the following conditions shall be applied:

(A) The Commission will require that testimony be prefiled as defined in Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.130. All parties must comply with this rule, including the requirement that testimony be filed on line-numbered pages. The practice of prefiling testimony is designed to give parties notice of the claims, contentions, and evidence in issue and to avoid unnecessary objections and delays caused by allegations of unfair surprise at the hearing.

(B) Pursuant to Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.130(15), testimony and schedules may not be filed under seal and treated as proprietary or highly confidential unless the Commission has first established a protective order. Any testimony or schedule filed without a protective order first being established will be considered public information.

(C) If the parties do not reach agreement, the parties shall agree upon and the Staff shall file a list of the issues to be heard, the witnesses to appear on each day of the hearing and the order in which they will be called, and the order of cross-examination for each witness. Any issue not contained in this list of issues will be viewed as uncontested and not requiring resolution by the Commission.

(D) All parties are required to bring an adequate number of copies of exhibits that they intend to offer into evidence at any hearing. The party offering an exhibit shall bring, in addition to the copy for the court reporter, copies for the five Commissioners, the Presiding Judge, and all counsel.

(E) Any stipulation and agreement must be presented in written form, executed by the parties, on or before the date set for hearing below. If a stipulation is not so presented, the case will proceed to hearing on the date and time scheduled.

## IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. The following procedural schedule is established:

Direct Testimony by Applicants	-	February 22, 2006
Rebuttal Testimony or Other Responsive Pleadings by Parties	-	March 8, 2006
If there is agreement between the parties, then:		
Submit Stipulation	-	March 15, 2006
Presentation of Stipulation	-	March 20, 2006, begin at 9:00 a.m.

If there is no agreement among the parties, then:

List of Issues	-	March 23, 2006
Statement of Position, List and Order of Witnesses, and Cross	-	March 30, 2006
Hearing	-	April 6, 2006, begin at 8:30 a.m.

2. The hearings set forth in this order are scheduled to be held in Room 310 in the offices of the Missouri Public Service Commission, 200 Madison Street, Jefferson City, Missouri. Any hearing will be held in a building that meets accessibility standards required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. If you need additional accommodations to participate in this hearing, please call the Public Service Commission's Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711 before the hearing.

3. This order shall become effective on February 17, 2006.

BY THE COMMISSION

Colleen M. Dale Secretary

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Steven C. Reed, Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 17th day of February, 2006.