OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Joint Application of Cass County)
Telephone Company, Limited Partnership, LEC)
Long Distance, Inc., d/b/a CassTel Long Distance,)
FairPoint Communications, Inc., FairPoint)
Communications Missouri, Inc., d/b/a FairPoint)
Communications, and ST Long Distance, Inc.,)
d/b/a FairPoint Communications Long Distance)
for Authority to Transfer and Acquire Cass County)
Telephone Company, Limited Partnership's and)
LEC Distance, Inc.'s Facilities or Systems Located	Case No. TM-2006-0306
in the State of Missouri; 2) for Issuance of Certificates)
of Service Authority to FairPoint Communications)
Missouri, Inc., d/b/a FairPoint Communications and)
ST Long Distance, Inc., d/b/a FairPoint)
Communications Long Distance; and 3) to Designate)
FairPoint Communications Missouri, Inc.,)
d/b/a FairPoint Communications as a)
Telecommunications Carrier Eligible to Receive)
Federal Universal Service Support)

ORDER DIRECTING STAFF TO INDICATE WHEN IT CAN FILE A RECOMMENDATION

Issue Date: March 3, 2006 Effective Date: March 3, 2006

Cass County Telephone Company, Limited Partnership; LEC Long Distance, Inc., d/b/a CassTel Long Distance; FairPoint Communications, Inc.; FairPoint Communications Missouri, Inc., d/b/a FairPoint Communications; and ST Long Distance, Inc., d/b/a FairPoint Communications Long Distance have filed a joint application asking the Commission to approve FairPoint's acquisition of the assets of the CassTel companies. The Commission will need to have a recommendation from its Staff before acting on the application. So that

it may be aware of progress in this case, the Commission will direct its Staff to file a pleading indicating when it will be able to file a recommendation.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

- 1. The Staff of the Commission shall, no later than March 13, 2006, file a pleading advising the Commission when Staff will be able to file its recommendation regarding the joint application.
 - 2. This order shall become effective on March 3, 2006.

BY THE COMMISSION

Colleen M. Dale Secretary

(SEAL)

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

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 3rd day of March, 2006.