BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION STATE OF MISSOURI

Staff of the Public Service Commission)	
Of the State of Missouri,)	
)	
Complainant,)	
)	
v.)	Case No. TC-2005-0357
)	
Cass County Telephone Company		
Limited Partnership,)	
)	
Respondent.)	

OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC COUNSEL'S STATEMENT OF NO OPPOSITION TO STIPULATION AND AGREEMENT PURSUANT TO 4 CSR 240-2.115 (E)

The Office of the Public Counsel states to the Missouri Public Service Commission that it does not oppose all or any part of the nonunanimous stipulation and agreement filed by the Staff of the Public Service Commission and Cass County Telephone Company, L.P. on December 29, 2005. 4 CSR 240-2.115, Stipulations and Agreements (E) ("A party may indicate that it does not oppose all or part of a nonunanimous stipulation and agreement.")

Public Counsel is a party to every Commission proceeding and is a party in this case. Section 386.710. 1. ("The public counsel shall have the following powers and duties: . . . (2) He may represent and protect the interests of the public in any proceeding before or appeal from the public service commission;"); 4 CSR 240-2.010 Definitions (11) ("Party includes any applicant, complainant, petitioner, respondent, intervenor or public utility in proceedings before the commission. Commission staff and the public counsel are also parties unless they file a notice of their intention not to participate within the period of time established for interventions by commission rule or order.")

Public Counsel acknowledges that under 4 CSR 240-2.115 (B) the lack of objection constitutes a full waiver of Public Counsel's right to a hearing and under (C) the commission may treat the nonunanimous stipulation and agreement as a unanimous stipulation and agreement.

Respectfully submitted,

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