

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of USCOC of)
Greater Missouri, LLC for Designation as an) **Case No. TO-2005-0384**
Eligible Telecommunications Carrier)
Pursuant to the Telecommunications Act of 1996)

ORDER ESTABLISHING TIME TO RESPOND TO MOTION TO LIFT BASELINE INVESTMENT REQUIREMENT

Issue Date: September 7, 2012

Effective Date: September 7, 2012

USCOC of Greater Missouri, LLC d/b/a U.S. Cellular filed a motion on September 7, 2012, asking the Commission to eliminate one of the conditions the Commission imposed on U.S. Cellular in a 2007 Report and Order that designated the company as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier for the receipt of high cost support from the federal Universal Service Fund. In that Report and Order, the Commission required U.S. Cellular to meet a baseline investment requirement of a two-year average of \$15 million per year in capital expenditures for construction of cell sites in the rural Missouri market in addition to the support it would be receiving from the federal Universal Service Fund. U.S. Cellular has met that condition since 2007, but now asks that the condition be eliminated because the Federal Communications Commission has moved to eventually eliminate the high-cost support the company has been receiving.

Before acting on the motion, the Commission will direct its Staff to file a recommendation and will establish a time for any other party to respond to U.S. Cellular's motion.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The Commission's Staff shall file a recommendation regarding USCOC of Greater Missouri, LLC d/b/a U.S. Cellular's Motion to Lift Baseline Investment Requirement no later than September 28, 2012.
2. Any other party that wishes to respond to USCOC of Greater Missouri, LLC d/b/a U.S. Cellular's Motion to Lift Baseline Investment Requirement shall do so no later than September 28, 2012.
3. This order shall become effective upon issuance.

BY THE COMMISSION



Steven C. Reed
Secretary

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

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 7th day of September, 2012.