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| 1 | JUDGE WOODRUFF: Good morning and |
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| 2 | welcome everyone. We're here for a rulemaking hearing |
| 3 | on the Commission's proposal to amend Section 4 CSR |
| 4 | 243.510. This is a local public hearing excuse |
| 5 | me a public hearing on the rulemaking. |
| 6 | And I'll ask first of all if there's |
| 7 | anybody here who'd like to testify or offer comments? |
| 8 | MS. DALE: I will be testifying on |
| 9 | behalf of Staff unless there's specific questions that |
| 10 | the subject matter experts need to answer. |
| 11 | JUDGE WOODRUFF: Okay. Would you |
| 12 | identify yourself? |
| 13 | MS. DALE: My name is Colleen Dale. |
| 14 | JUDGE WOODRUFF: Okay. And I'll swear |
| 15 | you in. |
| 16 | (Witness sworn.) |
| 17 | JUDGE WOODRUFF: Thank you very much. |
| 18 | And what would you like to tell the Commission? |
| 19 | COLLEEN DALE testifies as follows: |
| 20 | MS. DALE: As is contained in Staff's |
| 21 | filed comments, both the Operations Division and the |
| 22 | both the Operations Division and the Services Division |
| 23 | support this change in the rule. We believe it will be |
| 24 | more streamlined for the companies and will be more |
| 25 | effective as an actual standard. |

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1 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Okay. 2 MR. DANIEL SMITH: Do you want this 3 streaming? 4 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Yes. 5 Okay. We're up. MR. DANIEL SMITH: 6 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Okay. Where is my 7 remote? 8 MR. DANIEL SMITH: That's a good Did someone take the remote? I see it. 9 auestion. 10 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Why don't we go off the 11 record while we get the technology going here. 12 (Off the record.) 13 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Okay. While we were 14 off the record, we were able to get the visual stream 15 going so that we are webcasting to the world, for those who may be watching upstairs, or elsewhere. 16 17 Colleen Dale is testifying on behalf of 18 Staff. And I'll allow you to continue. 19 20 MS. DALE: As I stated before, the Staff 21 fully supports this change. We believe that it will 22 streamline the process for regulated entities and simplify the process here while taking a process that 23 has not been truly meaningful, in Staff's opinion, and 24 25 putting in requirements that might actually make a

1 difference.

2 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Okay. Thank you. 3 If you have any questions for MS. DALE: the witness that are here, should you have specific 4 5 questions -- but their comments are fully stated in the written submission. 6 7 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Okay. The only questions I had with -- you can probably answer for me, 8 and that's that we have received a comment -- written 9 10 comments from AT&T in support of the rule and from 11 Mr. Steinmeier, as an individual, also supporting the 12 rule. Has staff spoken with the other aspects of the 13 telephone industry about this rule? 14 Initially when the rule was MS. DALE: 15 proposed, we received some comments from the MTIA, but I believe that their -- I believe that they no longer 16 have the -- have the issues that they did with the 17 newest iteration of the rule. They haven't filed 18 comments at this point. And considering the fact that 19 20 AT&T is a MTIA member, I have to presume from that that 21 the MTIA's concerns have been addressed. 22 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Thank you. And then, Mr. Steinmeier suggests also that this rule is 23 24 necessary to improve competitive aspects of the CLEC 25 industry?

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| 1 | MS. DALE: Yes. Mr. Steinmeier actually |
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| 2 | represents a large number of applicants for CLEC |
| 3 | registration and is a very welcoming of this change. |
| 4 | The process that existed before was extremely |
| 5 | convoluted and this is much less. |
| 6 | JUDGE WOODRUFF: And does Staff believe |
| 7 | that this will increase the number of CLECs applying to |
| 8 | provide service in Missouri? |
| 9 | MS. DALE: I don't believe we believe it |
| 10 | will make any difference either way. It might make it |
| 11 | easier for the ones who want to come here to do so less |
| 12 | expensively because they will use fewer attorney hours |
| 13 | preparing their applications. But companies come here |
| 14 | for other business reasons and if they if we had the |
| 15 | old rule, they'd just tough it out. |
| 16 | JUDGE WOODRUFF: That's the only |
| 17 | questions I have. Anything else that Staff wanted to |
| 18 | add? |
| 19 | There's several people in the room. I |
| 20 | believe everyone here is Staff. And there is no |
| 21 | other no other individuals here who wish to offer |
| 22 | comments or testimony so at this point, we will |
| 23 | adjourn. |
| 24 | (The hearing was concluded.) |
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