**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION** 

## **STATE OF MISSOURI**

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Adjudication Division Public Service Commission

SEP 1 2 2005

In the Matter of the Determination Of the Weighted, Statewide Average Of Nonwireless Basic Local Telecommunications Services.

2006 Case No. TO-2<del>005</del>-0084

## APPLICATION TO INTERVENE

**COMES NOW** the Missouri Independent Telephone Company Group (MITG) of local exchange companies, consisting of Alma Communications Company d/b/a Alma Telephone Company, Chariton Valley Telephone Corporation, Choctaw Telephone Company, Mid-Missouri Telephone Company (O'Telco), MoKan Dial Inc., and Northeast Missouri Rural Telephone Companies, and hereby moves to intervene in this proceeding. In support of this Application, the MITG states as follows:

1. The MITG consists of six (6) rural, small, incumbent local exchange companies who are classified as rural telephone companies under the Telecommunications Act of 1996. MITG members provide local, basic local, and exchange access services. The MITG seeks to intervene in this proceeding because as rural telephone companies providing local service they will be asked to submit data in this docket, and they are situated to be effected by the outcome of this docket, as well as its possible use in the future. As such the interest of the MITG is different from that of the general public. The Commission's September 8, 2005 Order appears to anticipate such intervention requests.



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2. The MITG is subject to the regulatory supervision of the Missouri Public Service Commission pursuant to § 386.250 RSMo. and Chapter 392 RSMo.

3. Copies of all filings in this docket should be directed to the MITG by serving:

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**WHEREFORE**, on the basis of the foregoing, the MITG respectfully requests that this Application to Intervene and participate as a party be granted.

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## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of this pleading was electronically mailed to Staff General Counsel and the Office of Public Counsel this 10th day of September, 2005.