

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service
Commission held at its office in
Jefferson City on the 29th day
of November, 2005.

In the Matter of a Further Investigation of the)	
Metropolitan Calling Area Service After the Passage)	<u>Case No. TO-2001-391</u>
and Implementation of the Telecommunications Act)	
of 1996.)	

ORDER CLOSING CASE

Issue Date: November 29, 2005

Effective Date: December 9, 2005

On January 18, 2001, the Commission issued an order establishing a new case and creating an industry task force to consider the Metropolitan Calling Area Plan (MCA) service in the St. Louis, Kansas City, and Springfield metropolitan areas. The Commission instructed the task force to investigate issues related to pricing of MCA service, the effects of an expanded MCA on pricing, and whether the Local Exchange Routing Guide (LERG) is the appropriate mechanism to identify the MCA NXX codes in the future. The Commission also asked the task force to bring to the Commission's attention any other issues it identifies that may impact MCA services and its continued viability in the future.

The Task Force filed its Final Task Force Report on January 24, 2002. In the Report, the Commission's Staff recommended that, among other things, the Commission order the implementation of Staff's proposed MCA-2 plan. MCA-2 is a proposed one-way outgoing calling plan that would enable mandatory and optional tier MCA subscribers to call all telephone numbers within the MCA geographic area, regardless of whether or not the

called party also participates in the MCA plan. The MCA-2 plan did not receive unanimous support from the Task Force participants.

The Commission conducted an On-the-Record Presentation on July 15, 2002, and held a prehearing conference on November 24, 2003. To date, the Commission has declined to adopt Staff's proposed MCA-2 plan or to pursue the other issues raised by the parties. Instead, the Commission issued, on March 18, 2004, an order establishing a new task force or working group to investigate whether, and if so, what type, of changes should be made to the Metropolitan Calling Area Plan and to calling scopes in Missouri in general. The Task Force filed its Final report in Case No. TW-2004-0471 on September 29, 2004. In response to that Report, the Commission opened a rulemaking case, Case No. TX-2005-0194, regarding applications for expanded calling scopes. The final rule was published in the *Code of State Regulations* on September 30, 2005. The Commission also has the following pending cases involving applications for expanded calling scope:

- TO-2003-0257, In the Matter of the Request from the Customers in the Rockaway Beach Exchange for an Expanded Calling Scope to Make Toll-Free Calls to Branson;
- TO-2005-0141, In the Matter of a Request for Expansion of the St. Louis Metropolitan Calling Area Plan to Include the Exchanges of Washington, Union, Wright City, St. Clair, Marthasville, Beaufort, Foley, and Warrenton;
- TO-2005-0143, In the Matter of a Request for Modification of the Springfield Metropolitan Calling Area Plan to Make the Ozark Exchange a MCA Tier 1 Exchange; and
- TO-2005-0144, In the Matter of a Request for the Modification of the Kansas City Metropolitan Calling Area Plan to Make the Greenwood Exchange Part of the Mandatory MCA Tier 2.

The Commission appreciates the time and effort its Staff and the other parties have invested in this case. The Commission finds that Case No. TO-2001-391 has served

its purpose and may now be closed. The Commission notes that the record in Case No. TO-2001-391 may be useful in pending or future cases.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That Case No. TO-2001-391 may be closed effective December 10, 2005.
2. That this order shall become effective on December 9, 2005.

BY THE COMMISSION

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Colleen M. Dale
Secretary

(S E A L)

Davis, Chm., Murray, Gaw, Clayton,
and Appling, CC., concur.

Ruth, Senior Regulatory Law Judge