

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

Nexus Communications, Inc.,)	
)	
Complainant,)	
)	
v.)	<u>File No. TC-2011-0132</u>
)	
Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P.,)	
)	
Respondent.)	

STAFF RESPONSE

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Staff”), by and through the undersigned counsel, and files this *Staff Response* with the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Commission”), and states:

1. On October 3, 2011, the Commission ordered Staff to file a report of the progress made at the September 20, 2011, conference, specifically regarding (a) the parties’ agreement versus (b) necessity of a Commission order without the parties’ agreement.

2. This filing is intended to comply with that *Order*.

3. It is Staff’s understanding that Nexus Communications, Inc., and Southwestern Bell, L.P., have committed to (1) exchanging information by October 7, 2011, (2) meeting with one another within 10 days thereafter to discuss their positions, and to negotiate, and further commit to such additional meeting as may be needed to negotiate in good faith, (3) informing the Commission when they have either resolved the dispute or determined that the dispute will not be resolved through negotiation.

4. Therefore, Staff believes a Commission order regarding these negotiations will not be necessary at this time, and the Commission can expect a further filing from the parties when negotiations have ceased.

WHEREFORE, the Staff submits this *Staff Response* for the Commission's information and consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or electronically mailed to all counsel of record this 7th day of October, 2011.

/s/ Meghan E. McClowry