



**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF NORTHWEST
MISSOURI CELLULAR LIMITED PARTNERSHIP FOR
DESIGNATION AS A TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANY
CARRIER ELIGIBLE FOR FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE
SUPPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 254 OF THE
TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1996**

Case No. TO-2005-0466

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In the Matter of the Application)
of Northwest Missouri Cellular)
Limited Partnership for Designation)
as a Telecommunications Carrier)
Eligible for Federal Universal) Case No. TO-2005-0466
Service Support Pursuant to)
Section 254 of the)
Telecommunications Act of 1996)

NANCY M. DIPPELL, Presiding,
SENIOR REGULATORY LAW JUDGE.

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1 PROCEEDINGS

2 JUDGE DIPPELL: This is Case No.
3 TO-2005-0466, in the matter of the application of
4 Northwest Missouri Cellular Limited Partnership for
5 designation as a telecommunications company carrier eligible for
6 federal universal service support pursuant to Section 254
7 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

8 My name is Nancy Dippell. I'm the
9 Regulatory Law Judge assigned to this matter. We are here
10 today for a prehearing conference, and we're going to
11 begin with making entries of appearance, and I will start
12 with -- let's start here, Mr. McCartney.

13 MR. MCCARTNEY: Brian McCartney of the law
14 firm Brydon, Swearingen & England. My address is 312 East
15 Capitol Avenue, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102, here on
16 behalf of Grand River Mutual Telephone Company and Holway
17 Telephone Company today.

18 JUDGE DIPPELL: And Mr. Gryzmala, are you
19 able to hear counsel? Mr. Gryzmala?

20 MR. GRYZMALA: Yes, ma'am. Thank you.
21 Robert Gryzmala on behalf of Southwestern Bell Telephone,
22 LP, doing business as SBC Missouri, One SBC Center,
23 Room 3516, St. Louis, Missouri 63101.

24 JUDGE DIPPELL: All right. Mr. Dandino?

25 MR. DANDINO: Michael Dandino, Office of

1 the Public Counsel, Post Office Box 2230, Jefferson City,
2 Missouri 65102, representing the Office of the Public
3 Counsel and the public.

4 MR. STEWART: Charles Brent Stewart of the
5 law firm of Stewart & Keevil, LLC, 4603 John Garry Drive,
6 Suite 11, Columbia, Missouri 65203, appearing on behalf of
7 Spectra Communications Group, LLC, doing business as
8 CenturyTel, and CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC.

9 JUDGE DIPPELL: Mr. Poston?

10 MR. POSTON: Marc Poston appearing for the
11 Staff of the Commission, P.O. Box 360, Jefferson City,
12 Missouri 65102.

13 JUDGE DIPPELL: Mr. DeFord?

14 MR. DeFORD: Paul DeFord with the law firm
15 Lathrop & Gage, 2345 Grand Boulevard, Kansas City,
16 Missouri 64108, appearing on behalf of Northwest Missouri
17 Cellular.

18 JUDGE DIPPELL: All right. And just for
19 the record, I'm not sure if it was clear, but Mr. Gryzmala
20 is appearing by telephone.

21 I really don't have too much today. We
22 came here mainly for a prehearing conference. The Order
23 directed that the parties shall file a proposed procedural
24 schedule no later than August 1st. The Commission at
25 least in rate cases has been directing that pretrial

1 briefs be filed in lieu of the way we've been doing things
2 in the past. You might consider whether you want to
3 coordinate that into your procedural schedule or not. I'm
4 not sure how they feel about it in cases other than rate
5 cases, if they're going to be directing that in all cases
6 or if it's just right now in the rate cases, but they have
7 been doing that.

8 And I know that they're in favor of only
9 having one round of post-trial briefs rather than dragging
10 that out. And I may direct you to file Proposed Findings
11 of Fact after the hearing also. So keep those things in
12 mind when you're looking at your schedules.

13 Are there any pending motions or anything
14 that needs to be brought to my attention?

15 (No response.)

16 JUDGE DIPPELL: Okay. I don't think I have
17 anything further. I did print off a copy of what's
18 currently the hearing calendar for the Commission if
19 you-all want a copy of that for your discussions.

20 And I guess if there's nothing else, we can
21 go off the record. Thank you.

22 WHEREUPON, the recorded portion of the
23 prehearing conference was concluded.

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