

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

In the matter of the Joint Application of New)	
Florence Telephone Company, Tiger Telephone)	
Company, Tiger Telephone, Inc. and Direct)	
Communications Rockland, Inc. for an Order)	
Authorizing Direct Communications Rockland,)	Case No. TO-2007-0139
Inc., to Purchase or Acquire, Take or Hold all of)	
the Issued and Outstanding Capital Stock of)	
Tiger Telephone, Inc.)	

STAFF PLEADING

COMES NOW, Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) and respectfully submits as follows:

1. Staff is in the process of analyzing the information received, waiting on a few more Data Request responses and believes that a Staff Recommendation can be filed by February 26, 2007.

WHEREFORE, Staff respectfully submits its pleading in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, or transmitted by facsimile or electronic mail to all counsel of record this 31st day of January, 2007.

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