

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Petition for Arbitration)
of Unresolved Issues in a Section 251(b)(5))
Agreement with NEXTEL Wireless.) **Case No. TO-2006-0149**

ORDER SCHEDULING INITIAL ARBITRATION MEETING

Issue Date: October 7, 2005

Effective Date: October 7, 2005

On October 4, 2005, a number of small rural carriers¹ filed a petition for arbitration with the Missouri Public Service Commission pursuant to the Telecommunications Act of 1996, requesting that the Commission arbitrate unresolved issues with NEXTEL Wireless. NEXTEL's response is due October 31, 2005. The federal Telecommunications Act requires that this arbitration be completed by January 24, 2005.

Due to the short amount of time available for this arbitration, the arbitrator will immediately schedule an initial arbitration meeting. At this initial meeting, the parties will be expected to consider and propose a procedural schedule that will allow this arbitration to proceed in the time allowed by statute. Furthermore, because of the similarities between this and the Commission's Case Nos. TO-2006-0147, TO-2006-0148, TO-2006-0150 and TO-2006-0151, the parties should be prepared to discuss consolidation of this matter with those cases.

¹ The small rural carriers include: BPS Telephone Company; Cass County Telephone Company; Ellington Telephone Company; Farber Telephone Company; Fidelity Communications Services II, Inc; Granby Telephone Company; Green Hills Telephone Corporation; Iamo Telephone Company; Kingdom Telephone Company; Lathrop Telephone Company; New Florence Telephone Company; Steelville Telephone Exchange.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That an initial arbitration meeting will be held on October 17, 2005, beginning at 10:00 a.m., in Room 305 of the Governor Office Building, 200 Madison Street, Jefferson City, Missouri. This meeting will be held in a building that meets accessibility standards required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. If you need additional accommodations to participate in this meeting, please call the Public Service Commission's Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711 before the meeting.
2. That this order shall become effective on October 7, 2005.

BY THE COMMISSION



Colleen M. Dale
Secretary

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Kennard L. Jones, Regulatory Law Judge,
by delegation of authority pursuant to
Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 7th day of October, 2005.