

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

In the Matter of the Application of Missouri RSA        )  
No. 5 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-2006-0172**

**ORDER GRANTING INTERVENTIONS,**  
**SETTING PREHEARING CONFERENCE AND**  
**DIRECTING FILING OF PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

Issue Date: November 22, 2005

Effective Date: November 22, 2005

Syllabus: This order grants the applications to intervene of Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P., d/b/a SBC Missouri (SBC), Spectra Communications Group, LLC, d/b/a CenturyTel (Spectra), CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC, (CenturyTel), and the group known collectively as “The Small ILECs” consisting of Grand River Mutual Telephone Corporation, Mark Twain Rural Telephone Company and Northeast Missouri Rural Telephone Company; this order also sets a prehearing conference date and directs the filing of a proposed procedural schedule.

On October 18, 2005, Missouri RSA No. 5 Partnership filed its Application for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier pursuant to Section 254 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. The Commission ordered interested parties to intervene by November 9, 2005. SBC filed its application to intervene on October 24, 2005. Spectra and CenturyTel filed their joint application on November 8, 2005. The Small ILECs filed their joint application on November 9, 2005. No objections to these interventions were filed.

The Commission finds that the proposed intervenors have substantially complied with Rule 4 CSR 240-2.075(4) in that they have interests in this matter that are different from those of the general public and that granting the interventions would serve the public interest.

The Commission further finds that a prehearing conference will be set for the purpose of developing a proposed procedural schedule.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. That the applications to intervene filed by Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P., d/b/a SBC Missouri (SBC), Spectra Communications Group, LLC, d/b/a CenturyTel (Spectra), CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC, (CenturyTel), and the group known collectively as “The Small ILECs” consisting of Grand River Mutual Telephone Corporation, Mark Twain Rural Telephone Company and Northeast Missouri Rural Telephone Company are granted.

2. That a prehearing conference shall be held on December 16, 2005, beginning at 10:00 a.m., in the Governor Office Building, 200 Madison Street, Room 305, Jefferson City, Missouri. This hearing 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 prehearing conference, please call the Public Service Commission’s Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711 prior to the conference.

3. That the parties shall develop and the Staff of the Commission shall prepare and file a proposed procedural schedule on or before December 23, 2005, which includes schedules for prepared direct, rebuttal, and surrebuttal testimony, a list of witnesses for each party with the order of cross-examination, a list of issues with statements of the position of each party on each issue, the order of opening statements and proposed dates for a contested hearing.

4. That this order shall become effective on November 22, 2005.

**BY THE COMMISSION**



Colleen M. Dale  
Secretary

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Steven C. Reed, Regulatory Law Judge,  
by delegation of authority pursuant to  
Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,  
on this 22nd day of November, 2005.