

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

In the Matter of the Application of the)	
Oregon Farmers Mutual Telephone)	
Company for Authority to Execute a)	
Secured Guaranty in favor of the Rural)	Case No. TF-2005-0503
Telephone Finance Cooperative in)	
Connection with a Loan to Northwest)	
Missouri Holdings, Inc.)	

STAFF RESPONSE REGARDING RECOMMENDATION

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) and states:

1. On June 24, 2005, The Oregon Farmers Mutual Telephone Company (“Applicant”) applied for Commission authority to execute a Secured Guaranty in favor of the Rural Telephone Finance Cooperative.
2. On June 28, 2005, the Commission directed the Staff to indicate when it can file a recommendation. The Staff is reviewing the application and intends to gather additional information from the Applicant before the Staff completes its recommendation. The Staff believes it will be able to file the recommendation no later than August 31, 2005.

WHEREFORE the Staff respectfully submits this response to the Commission’s order directing filing.

Respectfully submitted,

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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 8th day of July 2005.

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