BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of) WWC License, LLC for Designation as an) Eligible Telecommunications Carrier, and) Petition For Redefinition of Rural Telephone) Company Service Areas)

Case No. TO-2004-0527

STATUS REPORT

COMES NOW WWC License, LLC ("Western Wireless") and pursuant to the Public Service Commission ("Commission") Order dated January 12, 2005, states:

1. On April 13, 2004, Western Wireless filed with the Public Service Commission ("Commission") its Application for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier, and Petition For Redefinition of Rural Telephone Company Service Areas in the above-captioned proceeding.

2. On August 5, 2004, the Commission issued a *Report and Order* denying the application of Mid-Missouri Cellular for designation as a competitive eligible telecommunications carrier. *In the Matter of the Application of Missouri RSA No. 7 Limited Partnership, d/b/a Mid Missouri Cellular, 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-2003-0531, *Report and Order* (effective Aug. 15, 2004).

3. On August 13, 2004, Mid-Missouri Cellular filed with the Commission a Petition for Reconsideration and Application for Rehearing in Case No. TO-2003-0531. The Commission subsequently affirmed its denial of Mid-Missouri Cellular's application for designation as a competitive eligible telecommunications carrier. *In the Matter of the Application of Missouri RSA No. 7 Limited Partnership, d/b/a Mid Missouri Cellular, 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-2003-0531, Order Denying Rehearing and Granting Reconsideration (effective Dec. 10, 2004.)

4. On or about January 7, 2005, Mid-Missouri Cellular filed an Application for Writ of Review of the Commission's decision denying the company's ETC Application (Cole County Circuit Court Case No. 04AC-CC00017).

5. Pursuant to the Unopposed Motion to Suspend Procedural Schedule of Western Wireless, the Commission issued on January 12, 2005, an Order suspending the procedural schedule in this proceeding and further requiring the parties to file with the Commission on or before March 14, 2005, a status report concerning the progress of the Mid-Missouri Cellular appeal proceeding.

6. Pursuant to the Commission's Order dated January 12, 2005, and upon information and belief, Western Wireless hereby advises the Commission as follows:

(a) Mid-Missouri Cellular's requested writ of review filed January 7, 2005,was signed on January 11, 2005;

(b) On February 8, 2005, CenturyTel of Missouri, Alma Communications Company and Citizens Telephone Company filed a joint motion to quash the writ of review and to dismiss the case, claiming they were not timely served copies of the writ;

(c) The motion to quash was set for oral argument on February 28, 2005;

(d) On February 25, 2005, Mid-Missouri Cellular filed an unopposed motion for a continuance.

(e) To date, no new date for oral argument has been set.

7. As a result, Mid-Missouri Cellular's appeal proceeding remains pending.

8. Counsel for Western Wireless has advised counsel for all parties in this proceeding of the status of Mid-Missouri Cellular's appeal proceeding.

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9. Due to the similarity of issues presented in Cole County Circuit Court Case No. 04AC-CC00017 and this proceeding, and in order to facilitate the orderly presentation of the issues, all parties have confirmed that they do not oppose the continued suspension of the procedural schedule in Case No. TO-2004-0527 pending resolution of Mid-Missouri Cellular's appeal before further testimony or an evidentiary hearing in this proceeding.

WHEREFORE, Western Wireless submits this Status Report and moves that the procedural schedule in this proceeding remain suspended with a further status report to be filed on or before May 13, 2005.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: March 14, 2005

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing was served electronically on parties of record to this proceeding on this 14th day of March 2005.

<u>/s/Mary Ann Young</u>

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