

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

Application of PNG Telecommunications, Inc., )	
d/b/a PowerNet Global Communications for )	
Authority to Acquire Certain Assets of )	Case No. XM-2008-0291
GlobalTouch Telecom, Inc. )	

**STAFF’S STATUS REPORT**

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Staff”) and for its Status Report in this proceeding, respectfully states as follows:

1. On March 5, 2008, PNG Telecommunications, Inc., d/b/a PowerNet Global Communications (“PNG”), filed an Application with the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Commission”) seeking approval to acquire the customer base of GlobalTouch Telecom, Inc. PNG sought Commission approval by April 30, 2008. The Commission directed the Staff to file its recommendation no later than April 7, 2008. The Commission subsequently granted the Staff’s motion that it be allowed until April 17, 2008, to file its recommendation.

2. On April 17, the Staff, noting that it had not yet been able to confirm that the affected customers would not see any change to their rates and terms and conditions of service, filed a Motion To Schedule Prehearing Conference. On April 18, the Commission issued an order setting a prehearing conference for April 24, 2008. The presiding Regulatory Law Judge at the prehearing conference directed the Staff to file a status report on May 1, 2008.

3. During the prehearing conference, PNG committed to providing the information to enable the Staff to ascertain that the affected customers will be provided services at the same rates they are currently paying. The Staff has not yet received that information and therefore continues to be unable to form an opinion as to whether the proposed acquisition is not detrimental to the public interest.

4. Upon completion of the discovery phase, the Staff will promptly file its recommendation. If its recommendation is not filed on or before, May 20, 2008, the Staff will file another status report by that date. The Staff remains mindful of PNG's desire for expeditious treatment of the Application, and will continue to make every effort to file its recommendation as soon as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

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