

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

In the Matter of the Joint Application of)
IBFA Acquisition Company, LLC and)
American Farm Bureau, Inc. d/b/a the)
Farm Bureau Connection for Approval of) Case XO-2005-0457
the Acquisition of Certain Assets of The)
Farm Bureau Connection by IBFA)
Acquisition Company and for a Waiver)

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

COMES NOW the Staff of the Public Service Commission, and in response to the Commission's *Order Directing Staff to Indicate When It Can File a Recommendation*, states:

1. IBFA Acquisition Company, LLC has applied to acquire the assets of American Farm Bureau, Inc. d/b/a the Farm Bureau Connection. Simultaneously, IBFA Acquisition Company, LLC applied for a certificate of service authority to provide intrastate interexchange and nonswitched local exchange telecommunications services and classification as a competitive company in Case No. TA-2005-0451, and for a certificate of service authority to provide basic local exchange telecommunications services and classification as a competitive company in Case No. CA-2005-0456.

2. At this time, neither of those applications have been granted, and IBFA Acquisition Company, LLC has no authority to provide intrastate telecommunications service of any kind in the State of Missouri. IBFA Acquisition Company, LLC has indicated it will file its financial statements after the Commission issues a protective order in Case No. CA-2005-0456. The Commission issued that protective order on June 6, 2005, and the company will presumably file its financial statements in the near future. IBFA Acquisition Company, LLC also has not yet filed a proposed tariff for basic local exchange telecommunications services, nor has it requested approval of an interconnection agreement.

3. Until the status of the applications to provide intrastate telecommunications service becomes clear, it does not appear appropriate to file a recommendation in IBFA Acquisition Company, LLC's transfer case. Accordingly, Staff will file a status report or its recommendation no later than July 13, 2005.

WHEREFORE, Staff indicates that it intends to file a status report or its recommendation in this matter no later than July 13, 2005.

Respectfully submitted,

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