BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of Missouri RSA) No. 7 Limited Partnership, d/b/a Mid-Missouri) Cellular, for Designation as a Telecommunica-) tions Company Carrier Eligible for Federal) Universal Service Support Pursuant to Section) 254 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.)

Case No. TO-2003-0531

DISSENTING OPINION OF COMMISSIONER CONNIE MURRAY

I would grant ETC status to applicant in the non-rural areas, in accordance with Section 214(e)(2) of the Federal Telecommunications Act. I conclude, with the majority, that Mid-Missouri Cellular has met the requirements set out in Section 214(e)(1)(A) and (B) of the Act. Therefore, I interpret the act to direct this Commission to designate the applicant as an eligible telecommunications carrier for the non-rural service areas.

For that reason, I respectfully dissent.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Murray, Commissioner

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 5th day of August, 2004.