OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

Staff of the Public Service Commission of the State of Missouri,))
Complainant,)
V.)) <u>Case No. TC-2005-0357</u>
Cass County Telephone Company Limited Partnership and Local Exchange Company LLC,)))
Respondents.)

NOTICE OF COMPLAINT

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CERTIFIED MAIL

On April 8, 2005, the Staff of the Commission filed a complaint with the Missouri Public Service Commission against Cass County Telephone Company Limited

Partnership and Local Exchange Company LLC, a copy of which is enclosed. Pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.070, Respondents shall have 30 days from the date of this notice to file an answer or to file notice that the complaint has been satisfied.

In the alternative, the Respondents may file a written request that the complaint be referred to a neutral third-party mediator for voluntary mediation of the complaint. Upon receipt of a request for mediation, the 30-day time period shall be tolled while the Commission ascertains whether or not the Complainant is also willing to submit to voluntary mediation. If the Complainant agrees to mediation, the time period within which an answer is due shall be suspended pending the resolution of the mediation process. Additional information regarding the mediation process is enclosed.

If the Complainant declines the opportunity to seek mediation, the Respondents will be notified in writing that the tolling has ceased and will also be notified of the date by which an answer or notice of satisfaction must be filed. That period will usually be the remainder of the original 30-day period.

All pleadings (the answer, the notice of satisfaction of complaint or request for mediation) shall be mailed to:

Secretary of the Public Service Commission P.O. Box 360
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102-0360

A copy shall be served upon the Complainant at the Complainant's address as listed within the enclosed complaint. A copy of this notice has been mailed to the Complainant.

BY THE COMMISSION

Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

(SEAL)

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 12th day of April, 2005.

Mills, Deputy Chief Regulatory Law Judge