

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of)
Alma Communications Company)
d/b/a Alma Telephone Company)
for Authority and Approval to Issue)
a Note, Loan Agreement, Mortgage,) Case No. _____
Security Agreement, and Financing)
Statement, to borrow funds from)
the Rural Utility Services of the)
United States of America, for interim)
financing, and for Section 392.280.2)
RSMo (HB 360) Accounting Authority)
Orders)

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Motion for Expedited Treatment

Comes now Alma Telephone Company pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.080 (16) and hereby requests that the Commission act on Alma's Applications for Authority and Approval to Issue a Note, Loan Agreement, Mortgage, Security Agreement, and Financing Statement, to borrow funds from the Rural Utility Services of the United States of America, for interim financing, and for Section 392.280.2 RSMo (HB 360) Accounting Authority Orders by June 10, 2005.

Alma states that the benefit that will accrue if this Motion is granted is that Alma will thereby be able to finalize bid specifications and construction deadlines, let contracts for bid, finalize contracts, and obtain installation of the switch and part of the outside plant by the end of the year, 2005. Making said switch installed and part of the outside plant operational by the end of year 2005 is necessary in order to meet the projected financial statements and financial ratios presented to the Commission as attachments to

the Application. These projections assume Alma has this switch and part of the outside plant installed and operational by end of year 2005. Meeting these projections will be financially beneficial to Alma and to the customers of Alma.

Alma has discussed this request with Staff and, unless there are unforeseen delays or complications, Staff has indicated it will attempt to meet the internal deadlines this Motion requires. Alma in turn has committed to expediting the provision of information Staff requires in order to meet the requested action date.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned does hereby certify that a true and accurate copy of the foregoing was mailed, via U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, this 8 day of April, 2005, to Staff General Counsel Dan Joyce, and to Office of Public Counsel Michael Dandino.


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