

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the application of)	
the United Way of Greater St. Louis, Inc.)	
for an Order of the Commission)	
Granting it Authority as an Information and)	Case No. TO-2007-0312
Referral Provider for purposes of)	
Obtaining 211 service)	

**Application to Intervene of
the Missouri Independent Telephone Company Group**

Comes now the incumbent local exchange telecommunications companies comprising the Missouri Independent Telephone Company Group¹, for their joint Application to Intervene, and state as follows:

1. The MITG companies are small rural incumbent local exchange telecommunications companies, certificated to provide service in their Missouri exchanges by the Commission. The exchanges of the MITG companies are listed in Applicant United Way of Greater St. Louis, Inc.'s Application as "phase 3" 211 implementation exchanges.

2. Copies of all filings in this docket should be directed to the MITG companies by serving:

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¹ Alma Communications Company d/ b/a Alma Telephone Company, Chariton Valley Telephone Corporation, Choctaw Telephone Company, Mid-Missouri Telephone Company (Otelco), and Northeast Missouri Rural Telephone Company.

3. This case was created as a result of Applicant's February 23, 2007 Application for Authority as an information and referral provider in most of the state of Missouri, which includes the exchanges of the MITG companies.

4. Pursuant to the Commission's March 2, 2007 Order Directing Notice, the MITG companies submit this request for Intervention to be allowed to monitor this docket, as well as in order to receive the appropriate orders and notifications that trigger the MITG companies' obligations to program 211 into their switches, as well as in order to prepare and file a tariff incorporating rates, terms and conditions for 211 service.

5. The MITG companies at this point are not necessarily opposed to, or in favor of, Applicant's certification or authorization to be the sole authorized information and referral provider in the exchanges of the MITG companies.

6. As set forth above, the interests of the MITG companies are different from those of the general public.

7. Granting this Intervention will not prejudice the rights of the present parties. Granting this Intervention is in the public interest.

WHEREFORE, on the basis of the foregoing, the MITG companies respectfully request that this joint application to intervene and participate as party intervenors be granted.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of this pleading was electronically mailed to the following attorneys of record in this proceeding this 5th day of March, 2006:

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