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ARKANSAS PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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IN THE MATTER OF THE JOINT )  
APPLICATION OF VARIOUS ILECS FOR )  
AUTHORITY TO INCREASE THE SIZE OF )  
EXCHANGES IN WHICH THE RURAL )  
SAVER OPTIONAL CALLING PLAN )  
(RSOCP) IS AVAILABLE AND TO )  
DECREASE THE MONTHLY END USER )  
CHARGE FOR RSOCP, AND REQUEST )  
FOR EXPEDITED RULING )

DOCKET NO. 05-049-U  
ORDER NO. 2

ORDER

On May 4, 2005 a Joint Application (“the Application”) for authority to increase the size of exchanges in which the Rural Saver Optional Calling Plan (“RSOCP”) is available and to decrease the monthly end user charge for RSOCP was filed by Alltel Arkansas, Inc.; Arkansas Telephone Company, Inc.; Central Arkansas Telephone Cooperative, Inc.; Madison County Telephone Company; Magazine Telephone Company; Mountain View Telephone Company; CenturyTel, Inc.; Pinnacle Communications; Prairie Grove Telephone Company; Rice Belt Telephone Company; Northern Arkansas Telephone Company; Scott County Telephone Company; Southwest Arkansas Telephone Cooperative, Inc.; Ritter Telephone Company; Cleveland County Telephone Company; Decatur Telephone Company; Tri-County Telephone Company; Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P.; Yelcot Telephone Company; Yell County Telephone Company; and Walnut Hill Telephone Company (hereinafter collectively referred to as “the ILECs”). The Application states that the ILECs formed a task force to monitor and analyze the effects of implementing the RSOCP to insure that the RSOCP remains a

viable intraLATA calling plan. The data reviewed by the task force has revealed that the RSOCP has been less than expected when the parameters were established by the Commission and first reviewed in Docket No. 03-082-U. Therefore, the ILECs recommend that the RSOCP be made available in exchanges having 4,000 or less total access lines in order to increase usage of the RSOCP. The ILECs also recommend that the monthly charge for the RSOCP be reduced to \$1.49 and that they be allowed to recover the one-time costs of implementing the requested changes in the RSOCP from the Arkansas Calling Plan Fund.

The ILECs state that the recommended changes will make the RSOCP more available and that the recommended changes are in the public interest. On May 13, 2005 the General Staff of the Arkansas Public Service Commission ("Staff") filed a Response to the ILECs' Application stating that the Commission's Telecommunications Provider Rules authorize the Commission to make the determinations requested in the Application and stating that Staff agrees with the requests made in the Application.

Based on the representations made in the Application and Staff's Response, it is found to be in the public interest to grant the Application to change the exchange size for the RSOCP to 4,000 access lines or less, reduce the monthly charge to \$1.49 and to allow recovery of the one-time costs of implementing the changes.

There being no further action to be taken in this matter at this time, the Secretary of the Arkansas Public Service Commission is hereby authorized and directed to close this docket.

BY ORDER OF THE PRESIDING OFFICER PURSUANT TO DELEGATION.

This 24<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2005.

Arthur H. Stuenkel  
Arthur H. Stuenkel  
Presiding Officer

Diana K. Wilson (acting)  
Diana K. Wilson  
Secretary of the Commission

I hereby certify that the following order issued by the Arkansas Public Service Commission has been served on all parties of record this date by U.S. mail with postage prepaid, using the address of each party as indicated in the official docket file.

Diana K. Wilson  
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Secretary of the Commission  
Date 5-24-2005