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April 26, 2006

Ballard Rural Telephone Cooperative Corp., Inc.
Attention: Stephen Jones II
PO Box 209, 158 West 2nd Street
LaCenter, KY 42056

Big River Telephone Company, LLC
Attention: Jennifer Rinesmith
24 South Minnesota Avenue
Cape Girardeau, MO 63703

Re: Interconnection Agreement Negotiated by Ballard Rural Telephone
Cooperative Corp., Inc. and Big River Telephone Company, LLC
Pursuant to Sections 251, 252 and 271 of the
Telecommunications Act of 1996 - PSC Reference No. 00845

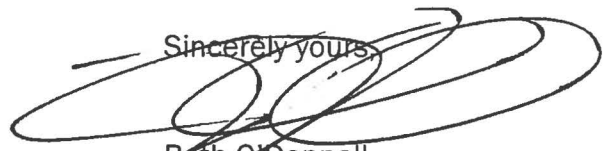
Gentlemen:

This is to notify you that Commission Staff has completed its review of your agreement submitted on April 21, 2006, and has concluded that it is in compliance with federal and state law and with previous Commission orders. Accordingly, it is unnecessary for Staff to refer this matter for formal Commission action. The agreement will be maintained in this office and, pursuant to 47 U.S.C. 252, shall be effective on July 20, 2006.

If you have not already done so, the Commission requests that Ballard RTCC submit the subject agreement in Microsoft Word Format (.doc) or Portable Document Format (.pdf) on either a CD or 3.5-inch high-density diskette.

If you have questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Jim Stevens at Extension 238.

Sincerely yours,



Beth O'Donnell
Executive Director

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cc: Dinsmore & Shohl
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