

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
OF  
THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI**

**DOCKET NO. 07-UN-123**

**IN RE: NOTICE OF INTENT OF THE MISSISSIPPI RURAL INCUMBENT LOCAL EXCHANGE COMPANIES TO MODIFY THEIR FORM OF REGULATION AND TO ADOPT A PRICE CAP REGULATION PLAN**

**MISSISSIPPI RURAL INCUMBENT  
LOCAL EXCHANGE COMPANIES**

**ORDER APPROVING AND ADOPTING STIPULATION  
AND ADOPTING A PRICE REGULATION PLAN  
FOR THE MISSISSIPPI RURAL INCUMBENT LOCAL EXCHANGE COMPANIES**

This cause came on for consideration this date, and the Mississippi Public Service Commission (Commission) having considered the same, finds as follows:

I.

The Mississippi Rural Incumbent Local Exchange Companies (Mississippi Rural ILECs) filed their Notice of Intent (NOI) March 20, 2007.

II.

The Mississippi Public Utilities Staff (Staff) has had the benefit of full discovery as prescribed by Mississippi law and the Rules of this Commission. The Mississippi Rural ILECs and the Staff have met and, through discussions and negotiations, have agreed to compromise several matters arising out of the NOI and, they have stipulated and agreed as to certain issues which are contained in that certain Stipulation and Agreement dated May 22, 2007, which has been filed in this cause.

III.

The Commission has reviewed the file and the Stipulation and finds that the Stipulation is just and reasonable, is in full compliance with Mississippi law and should be approved and adopted.

IV.

The Commission further finds that the rates authorized by this Commission pursuant to the Price Regulation Plan approved by the Stipulation are prudent, just and reasonable and that the Mississippi Rural

ILECs may implement such rates upon filing of compliance tariffs, if necessary, with the Commission for approval pursuant to the Rules of this Commission.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:**

1. The Stipulation entered into by the parties be and the same is hereby approved and adopted by this Commission.
2. The rates authorized by this Commission pursuant to the Price Regulation Plan approved by the Stipulation are prudent, just and reasonable and that the Mississippi Rural ILECs may implement such rates upon filing of compliance tariffs, if necessary, with the Commission for approval pursuant to the Rules of this Commission.
3. This Order shall be deemed issued on the day it is served upon the parties herein by the Executive Secretary of this Commission who shall note the service date in the file of this Docket.

SO ORDERED, this the 14<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2007.

Chairman Nielsen Cochran voted Aye; Vice Chairman Leonard Bentz voted and Aye;  
Commissioner Bo Robinson voted Aye.

**MISSISSIPPI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**



Michael Cochran  
NIELSEN COCHRAN, Chairman

Leonard Bentz  
LEONARD BENTZ, Vice Chairman

Bo Robinson  
BO ROBINSON, Commissioner

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Brian U. Ray  
BRIAN U. RAY, Executive Secretary

Effective this the 14<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2007.