

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

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In the Matter of the Application of Socket)
Communications Group, Inc. for a Certificate)

Missouri Public
Service Commission

of Service Authority to Provide Intrastate) Case No. TA-2000-398

Interexchange Telecommunications Service and) Tariff No. 200000601

Nonswitched Local Exchange Service in the)

State of Missouri and for Competitive)

Classification.)

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Case No(s) 00-2005-0066
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**ORDER APPROVING INTEREXCHANGE AND NONSWITCHED LOCAL EXCHANGE
CERTIFICATES OF SERVICE AUTHORITY AND ORDER APPROVING TARIFF**

Socket Communications Group, Inc. (Socket) applied to the Public Service Commission on December 29, 1999, for certificates of service authority to provide intrastate interexchange and nonswitched local exchange telecommunications services in Missouri under Section 392.410-.450, RSMo 1994, and RSMo Supp. 1999. Socket asked the Commission to classify it as a competitive company and waive certain statutes and rules as authorized by Sections 392.361 and 392.420. Socket is a Missouri corporation with its principal office located at 810 Cherry Street, Columbia, Missouri 65201.

The Commission issued a Notice of Applications for Intrastate Certificates of Service Authority and Opportunity to Intervene on January 11, 2000, directing parties wishing to intervene to file their requests by January 26, 2000. The requirement for a hearing is met when the opportunity for hearing has been provided and no proper party has requested the opportunity to present evidence. State ex rel. Rex Deffenderfer Enterprises, Inc. v. Public Service Commission, 776 S.W.2d 494, 496 (Mo. App. 1989). Since no one has asked permission to intervene or requested a hearing, the Commission may grant the relief requested based on the verified application.

Socket filed a proposed tariff in conjunction with its application and filed substitute sheets on January 12, 2000. The tariff's effective date is February 12, 2000. Socket's tariff describes the rates, rules, and regulations it intends to use, identifies Socket as a competitive company, and lists the waivers requested. Socket intends to provide interexchange and nonswitched local exchange telecommunications services including 1+, 800/888/877 Services, Directory Assistance, Private Line and Travel Card services.

In its memorandum filed on February 1, 2000, the Staff of the Commission (Staff) recommended that the Commission grant Socket a certificate of interexchange service authority, and a certificate of service authority for local exchange telecommunication services on condition that this authority be restricted to providing dedicated, nonswitched local exchange private line services. Staff recommended that the Commission grant Socket competitive status, and waiver of the statutes and rules listed in the Notice. Staff recommended that the Commission approve the proposed tariff as amended to become effective on February 12, 2000.

The Commission finds that competition in the intrastate interexchange and nonswitched local exchange telecommunications markets is in the public interest and Socket should be granted certificates of service authority. The Commission finds that the services Socket proposes to offer are competitive and Socket should be classified as a competitive company. The Commission finds that waiving the statutes and Commission rules set out in the ordered paragraph below is reasonable and not detrimental to the public interest.

The Commission finds that Socket's proposed tariff details the services, equipment, and pricing it proposes to offer. The Commission finds that the proposed tariff filed on December 29, 1999 shall be approved as amended to become effective on February 12, 2000.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That Socket Communications Group, Inc., is granted a certificate of service authority to provide intrastate interexchange telecommunications services in the state of Missouri, subject to the conditions of certification set out above.
2. That Socket Communications Group, Inc., is granted a certificate of service authority to provide local exchange telecommunications services in the state of Missouri limited to providing dedicated, nonswitched local exchange private line services, subject to all applicable statutes and Commission rules except as specified in this order.

3. That Socket Communications Group, Inc., is classified as a competitive telecommunications company. Application of the following statutes and regulatory rules shall be waived:

Statutes

392.240(1) - ratemaking
392.270 - valuation of property (ratemaking)
392.280 - depreciation accounts
392.290 - issuance of securities
392.310 - stock and debt issuance
392.320 - stock dividend payment
392.340 - reorganization(s)
392.330, RSMo Supp. 1999 - issuance of securities,
debts and notes

Commission Rules

4 CSR 240-10.020 - depreciation fund income
4 CSR 240-30.010(2)(C) - rate schedules
4 CSR 240-30.040 - Uniform System of Accounts
4 CSR 240-32.030(1)(B) - exchange boundary maps
4 CSR 240-32.030(1)(C) - record-keeping
4 CSR 240-32.030(2) - in-state record-keeping
4 CSR 240-32.050(3) - local office record-keeping
4 CSR 240-32.050(4) - telephone directories
4 CSR 240-32.050(5) - call intercept
4 CSR 240-32.050(6) - telephone number changes
4 CSR 240-32.070(4) - public coin telephone
4 CSR 240-33.030 - minimum charges rule

4 CSR 240-33.040(5) - financing fees

4. That the tariff filed by Socket Communications Group, Inc., on December 29, 1999, and assigned Tariff File No. 200000601, is approved as amended to become effective on February 12, 2000. The tariff approved is:

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5. That this order shall become effective on February 12, 2000.

6. That this case may be closed on February 14, 2000.

BY THE COMMISSION

Dale Hardy Roberts

Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

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Shelly A. Register, Regulatory Law Judge,
by delegation of authority pursuant
to 4 CSR 240-2.120(1) (November 30,
1995) and Section 386.240, RSMo 1994.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 7th day of February, 2000.