

OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

Application of TDS Telecommunications Corp. for)
Approval of a Wireless Traffic Exchange Agreement) **Case No. IO-2007-0151**
under the Telecommunications Act of 1996)

ORDER DIRECTING NOTICE, MAKING VERIZON WIRELESS A PARTY,
AND DIRECTING FILING

Issue Date: October 12, 2006

Effective Date: October 12, 2006

Syllabus: This order provides notice of this application to interested parties and joins the other party to the interconnection agreement, Verizon Wireless (“Verizon”), as a party to this proceeding.

On October 10, 2006, TDS Telecommunications Corp. (“TDS”) filed an application with the Commission for approval of a wireless traffic exchange agreement with Verizon under the provisions of the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996.¹ TDS states that the agreement complies with Section 252(e) of the Act in that it is consistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity, and not discriminatory to nonparty carriers. TDS requests expeditious approval of the agreement.

Although Verizon is a party to the agreement, it did not join in the application. Because Verizon is a necessary party to a full and fair adjudication of this matter, the Commission will add Verizon as a party to this case.

¹ The agreement is also identified as being a negotiated interconnection and reciprocal compensation agreement.

The Act provides that an interconnection or resale agreement must be approved unless the state commission finds that the agreement discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement, or that implementation of the agreement is not consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity.² Section 252(e)(4) of the Act provides that if the Commission has not approved an agreement within 90 days after submission, the agreement shall be deemed approved. Therefore, the Commission will proceed with this case expeditiously. The Commission finds that proper persons should be allowed 20 days from the issuance of this order to file a motion for hearing. The Commission also finds that notice of this application should be sent to all interexchange and local exchange telecommunications companies.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. The Commission's Data Center shall send notice to all interexchange and local exchange telecommunications companies.
2. Verizon Wireless is made a party to this case.
3. Any party wishing to intervene or request a hearing shall do so by filing a pleading no later than November 1, 2006, with:

Secretary
Missouri Public Service Commission
Post Office Box 360
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102

and serve a copy on:

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² 47 U.S.C. § 252(e).

and

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and

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and

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and

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4. The Staff of the Commission shall file a memorandum advising either approval or rejection of this agreement and giving the reasons therefor no later than November 13, 2006.

5. This order shall become effective on October 12, 2006.

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Colleen M. Dale', written over a horizontal line.

Colleen M. Dale
Secretary

(S E A L)

Harold Stearley, Regulatory Law Judge,
by delegation of authority pursuant to
Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 12th day of October, 2006.