

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

In the Matter of the Application of)	
Adams TelSystems, Inc., for Certificate of)	
Service Authority to Provide Basic Local)	<u>File No. LA-2016-0014</u>
Exchange, Non-Switched Local Exchange)	Tariff No. YL-2016-0012
And Interexchange Telecommunications)	
Services in the State of Missouri and to)	
Classify Said Services and the Company)	
As Competitive)	

**ORDER APPROVING BASIC LOCAL EXCHANGE, NON-SWITCHED
LOCAL EXCHANGE AND INTEREXCHANGE CERTIFICATES OF
SERVICE AUTHORITY**

Issue Date: August 17, 2015

Effective Date: August 27, 2015

This order grants Adams TelSystems, Inc. ("Adams") Certificates of Service Authority to provide basic local exchange, non-switched local exchange, and interexchange telecommunications services in the state of Missouri.

Adams applied to the Commission on July 13, 2015, for authority to provide basic local exchange, non-switched local exchange, and interexchange telecommunications services under §§ 392.361, 392.410, 392.410, 392.430, 392.440 and 392.470, RSMo.¹ Adams also asked the Commission classify it as a competitive company and to waive statutes and rules as authorized by §§ 392.361.5 and 392.420.

Adams is an Illinois corporation with a Certificate of Authority from the Missouri Secretary of State to transact business in Missouri. With its application, the company filed tariff sheets with an effective date of August 27, 2015. On July 14, the Commission issued

¹ All statutory references are to the 2013 Cumulative Supplement of the Missouri Revised Statutes, unless otherwise indicated.

notice of Adams' application, setting a deadline for applications to intervene, and directing the Staff of the Commission to file a recommendation. No applications to intervene were received. Staff filed a recommendation that the requested certificates, classification and waivers be granted.

The Commission may grant an application for a certificate of service authority to provide telecommunications service upon a showing that the applicant has met the statutory requirements, including relevant service standards, and that the grant of authority is in the public interest. Based on the verified application, including Adams' stated commitment to comply with all applicable rules, as well as Staff's uncontested recommendation, the Commission finds that Adams satisfies the requirements for certification and that granting such certificate is in the public interest.

Adams also requests that it and its services be classified as competitive and that the application of certain statutes and regulatory rules be waived. The Commission may classify a telecommunications service as competitive if the Commission determines that the applicant is subject to a sufficient degree of competition to justify a lesser degree of regulation.² The Commission may only classify a telecommunications carrier as competitive if all of its services are so classified.

The Commission finds that Adams will compete with other providers of basic local exchange, non-switched local exchange and interexchange telecommunications services. The Commission finds that Adams will be subject to a sufficient level of competition to justify a lesser degree of regulation. Furthermore, all of the services Adams will offer are qualified for classification as competitive services.

² Section 392.361.2.

Pursuant to § 392.461, the company is not subject to Commission rules pertaining to the installation, provisioning or termination of retail service unless it elects, in written notice to the Commission, to be subject to such requirements.

The Commission finds the services Adams proposes to offer are competitive and the company shall be classified as a competitive company.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. Adams TelSystems, Inc. is granted a certificate of service authority to provide basic telecommunications services in the state of Missouri.
2. Adams TelSystems, Inc. is granted a certificate of service authority to provide non-switched local exchange telecommunications services in the state of Missouri.
3. Adams TelSystems, Inc. is granted a certificate of service authority to provide interexchange telecommunications services in the state of Missouri.
4. Adams TelSystems, Inc. and its services are granted competitive classification.
5. The requested waiver of certain statutes and Commission rules, as authorized in Chapter 392 RSMo, is granted.
6. The tariff submitted by Adams TelSystems, Inc. (Tariff No. YL-2016-0012) is approved.
7. Adams TelSystems, Inc. shall comply with the following conditions:
 - a. The applicant's originating and terminating access rates shall not exceed the access rates of the incumbent local exchange company against whom the applicant is competing pursuant to §§ 392.361.6 and 392.370 RSMo Supp. 2009.

b. If the directly competing ILEC, in whose service area the applicant is operating, decreases its originating and/or terminating access service rates, the applicant shall file an appropriate tariff amendment to reduce its originating and/or terminating access rates in the directly competing ILEC's service area within 30 days of the directly competing ILEC's reduction of its originating and/or terminating access rates in order to maintain the cap.

c. The Company will undertake all necessary measures to ensure its contracts with underlying carriers do not contain provisions preventing delivery of traffic to any telephone exchange area of Missouri. Such measures include but are not limited to:

- 1) Prevention of call blocking and/or call gapping based on the cost of traffic termination.
- 2) Preventing the alteration or stripping of Calling Party Number identification.
- 3) Ensuring sufficient network capacity exists to process all traffic according to industry accepted practices.

8. The authority conferred by the certificates granted in this order shall be null and void if not exercised within one year of issuance.

9. This order and Adams TelSystems, Inc.'s certificates shall become effective on August 27, 2015.

10. This file may be closed on August 28, 2015.

BY THE COMMISSION



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Morris L. Woodruff".

Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

Kim S. Burton, Regulatory
Law Judge, by delegation of authority
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 17th day of August, 2015.