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

In the Matter of the Application of MCC Telepho	ny)	
of Missouri, LLC to Expand its Certificate of	)	
Service Authority to Include Provision of Local	)	
Telecommunications Service in Additional	)	File No. LO-2010-0193
Exchanges and to Continue to Classify the	)	Tariff No. YL-2010-0439
Company and its Services as Competitive	)	

### STAFF RECOMMENDATION

**COMES Now** the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission and for its recommendation states as follows:

- 1. On December 28, 2009, MCC Telephony of Missouri, LLC, ("MCC") filed an application to expand its service territory and a revised tariff bearing an issuance date of December 28, 2009, and an effective date of February 12, 2010. It requested the authority to provide facilities-based and resold basic local telecommunications and local exchange telecommunications service in additional, listed exchanges in the State of Missouri, asked that the additional services as be classified as competitive, and asked that the Company continue to be classified as competitive.
- 2. In the attached Memorandum, labeled Appendix A, the Staff recommends that the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) grant the Company the authority to provide basic facilities-based and resold local telecommunications and local exchange telecommunications service in additional, listed exchanges. The Commission shall grant an application for a certificate of telecommunications service authority upon a finding that the grant of authority is in the public interest. §§392.430 and 392.440 RSMo 2000. The Staff believes the Company possesses sufficient technical, managerial and financial resources to adequately serve the proposed expanded service territory.
- 3. Staff also recommends that the Commission classify the Applicant and the services it proposes to offer as competitive. The Commission may classify a telecommunications provider or its services as competitive if the Commission determines it is subject to sufficient competition to justify a lesser degree of regulation and that such lesser regulation is consistent with the protection of ratepayers and promotes public interest. §392.361.4 RSMo Supp. 2008. A

majority of the services a competitive company provides must be classified as competitive. §392.361.3 RSMo Supp. 2008.

- 4. Staff recommends that the tariff filed in this matter be approved or be allowed to become effective by operation of law.
- 5. The Staff further recommends that the Commission state in its order that, pursuant to Section 392.410, the authority conferred by the certificate of service authority shall be null and void unless it is exercised within one year of its issuance.
- 6. The Applicant is not delinquent in filing an annual report, paying the PSC assessment, MoUSF, and Relay Missouri.
- 7. The Staff recommends that the application be granted 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 Sections 392.361.6 and 392.370 RSMo.
  - 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.

WHEREFORE, Staff recommends that the Commission grant MCC a certificate of service authority to provide basic local telecommunications and local exchange telecommunications service in the additional, listed exchanges; grant it and the services the requested competitive classification; condition the grant of service authority as described in Paragraph 7 above and either approve its tariffs, or allow them to become effective by operation of law.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or electronically mailed to all counsel of record this  $20^{th}$  day of January, 2010.

#### MEMORANDUM

To:	Missouri Public Service Commission Official Case File Case No: LO-2010-0193
From:	Applicant: MCC Telephony of Missouri, LLC Sara Buyak Telecommunications Department William Voight 1-20-10 Utility Operations Division/Date
Subject:	Staff Recommendation to Expand Service Area
Date:	January 20, 2010
Filing Deadline:	NA
	ications Department Staff (Staff) recommends the applicant be granted ificate(s), as indicated below, to be effective on the same date the tariffer:
following service All of All of All of Statew Other:	AT&T Missouri CenturyLink Spectra
certificate to	provide interexchange telecommunications services. provide local exchange telecommunications services.* puthority should be restricted to dedicated, private line services.

Staff recommends the applicant and its services receive competitive classification. Staff further recommends a Commission order granting certification state that pursuant to Section 392.410 RSMo, unless exercised within a period of one year from the issuance thereof, authority conferred by a certificate of service authority shall be null and void. In addition, Staff recommends approval of the waivers listed in the Notice.

Granting a certificate to provide basic local exchange telecommunications services should be based on the following two conditions:

- 1. 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 Sections 392.361.6 and 392.370 RSMo.
- 2. 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

and/or terminating access rates in order to maintain the cap.  $\boxtimes$ No objection to tariff taking effect Missouri P.S.C. No. 1, Effective Date: February 12, 2010 The Staff states that the tariff meets the requirements of all applicable statutes, specifically, one or more of the following: Sections 392.200(8), (12); 392.455(3), (4); 392.515(1) and 392.500(2) RSMo. In addition, the tariff filing does not conflict with the following Commission rules: 4 CSR 240-3.545 (4), (6), (7), (8 C,G,H), (9), (15), (16), (19); 4 CSR 240-31.065(1), (2), (3); 4 CSR 240-32.150(5), 32.160(1), (2), 32.190; 4 CSR 240-33.040(4), 33.045(2), 33.050(4) and 33.070(2). Tariff was not submitted with application. Pursuant to 4 CSR 240-3.510(1)(C), the applicant cannot lawfully provide service until tariffs are effective. Additional Comments: The Company is not delinquent in filing an annual report, paying the PSC assessment, MoUSF, and Relay Missouri. The Company is delinquent. Staff recommends the Commission grant the requested relief/action on the condition the applicant corrects the delinquency. The applicant should be instructed to make the appropriate filing in this case after it has corrected the delinguency. ( No annual report Unpaid PSC assessment. Amount owed: Unpaid MoUSF Unpaid Relay Missouri)

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AFFIDAVIT OF	Sara Buyak	
STATE OF MISSOURI ) ) ss: COUNTY OF COLE )		
COUNTY OF COLE )		
Sara Buyak, employee of the Missouri Public Service Commission, being of lawful age and after being duly sworn, states that she has participated in preparing the accompanying staff recommendation and that the facts therein are true and correct to the best of her knowledge and belief.  SARA BUYAK		
Subscribed and affirmed before me this	20th day of January 2010.	
	NOTARY PUBLIC	
	CASSIE M. MELLOWAY My Commission Expires October 30, 2011 Cole County	

Commission #07337959