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Mr. Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge
Missouri Public Service Commission
P.O. Box 360
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102

Missouri Public
Service Commission

TE-2000-834

RE: *In the Matter of the Request of Norstan Network
Services, Inc. for an Extension of Time to File
Annual Report*

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Please find enclosed for filing in the above-referenced matter an original and eight (8) copies of "Request of Norstan Network Services, Inc. To Extend the Filing Date for its Annual Report." Please bring this filing to the attention of the appropriate Commission personnel.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

FISCHER & DORITY, P.C.

By:

Larry W. DORITY
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Enclosures

cc: Mo.P.S.C. General Counsel
Office of the Public Counsel

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
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Annual Report)

Case No. TE-2000-834

Missouri Public
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**REQUEST OF NORSTAN NETWORK SERVICES, INC.
TO EXTEND THE FILING DATE FOR ITS ANNUAL REPORT**

COMES NOW Norstan Network Services, Inc. ("Norstan"), by and through its attorneys and, pursuant to 4 CSR 240-10.080(8), respectfully requests the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") to extend the filing date for its Annual Report. In support of its request, Norstan states as follows:

1. Norstan is a certificated interexchange telecommunications carrier in Missouri with its principal place of business located at 5101 Shady Oak Road, Minnetonka, Minnesota 55343.
2. As a telecommunications utility subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission, Norstan is required to file annual reports with the Commission each year by April 15, on a form provided by the Commission or on a computer generated replica which is acceptable to the Commission (4 CSR 240-10.080(1)&(4)).
3. Norstan attempted to file its Annual Report for the year ending December 31, 1999 with this Commission by mailing said document to the Commission on April 15, 2000. Company management erroneously assumed that the postmark date would constitute the filing date, thereby making said filing timely and in conformance with the Commission's Rule. Subsequent to that date,

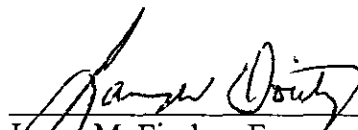
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Norstan received correspondence dated May 4, 2000, from the Commission, returning the Annual Report and advising Norstan, *inter alia*, that the postmark date does not constitute the date of filing and a pleading requesting an extension of time would need to be filed by a Missouri attorney. A copy of said correspondence is attached hereto as "Attachment A." Norstan cannot, and will not attempt to, explain the excessive time delays apparently caused by the U.S. Mail delivery of documents in this matter. Norstan and its counsel have made diligent efforts to respond to the Commission's correspondence and to make this filing as soon as practicable.

4. As a result, Norstan respectfully requests an extension of time to today, to file its attached Annual Report for the year ending December 31, 1999.

WHEREFORE, Norstan Network Services, Inc. respectfully requests, pursuant to 4 CSR 240-10.080(8), that the Commission grant its request for an extension of time to this date for filing its Annual Report, and for any other relief appropriate in the circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

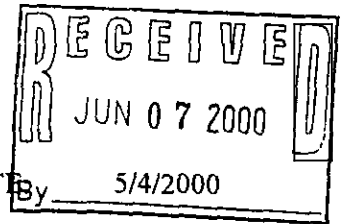
I do hereby certify that a true and correct copy of this document has been hand-delivered or mailed, First Class mail, postage prepaid, this 21st day of June, 2000, to:

General Counsel
Missouri Public Service Commission
P.O. Box 360
Jefferson City, MO 65102

Office of the Public Counsel
P.O. Box 7800
Jefferson City, MO 65102


Larry W. Dority

Missouri Public Service Commission



To: Norstan Network Services, Inc.

DATE By 5/4/2000

The enclosed documents are being returned to you. In order to facilitate any filing errors which these documents may contain, our office would note that the enclosed is returned because:

Γ Annual reports shall be filed on a form provided by the commission or on a computer-generated replica which is acceptable to the commission. See: 4 CSR 240-10.080 (2)

Γ Substitute forms such as stockholder reports and Internal Revenue Service forms are not acceptable.

Γ All financial information must be included on the form provided.

Γ All requested information shall be included in the annual report where applicable. Enter the word "NONE", "0", "N/A" when it completely states the fact. See: 4 CSR 240-10.080 (2)

Γ The verification must be completed in its entirety.

Γ The verification must be notarized.

ⓧ All Annual Reports filed after the April 15, 2000 deadline **must** be filed by a Missouri attorney submitting an original plus 8 copies of a pleading requesting an extension of time to file Annual Report. You only need to send one copy of the annual report.

Γ Any information deemed to be of a confidential nature requires a pleading plus 8 copies requesting confidential treatment to be filed by a Missouri Attorney.

ⓧ OTHER: we don't go by post mark date.

AUTHORITY: sections 392.210 and 393.140, RSMo (1994). * Original rule filed March 19, 1996, effective Oct. 30, 1996.

*Original authority 392.210, RSMo (1939), amended 1987, 1988, 1991, 1993 and 393.140, RSMo (1939), amended 1949, 1967.

Thank you for your attention to these matters. If you have additional questions you may contact the Records Department at (573) 751-7048 or (573) 751-7496.

This notification does not assure a complete list of filing errors. Please review the enclosed documents to verify compliance with the rules governing practice and procedure.

ATTACHMENT A