

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
JEFFERSON CITY**

July 14, 2000

CASE NO: TE-2000-824

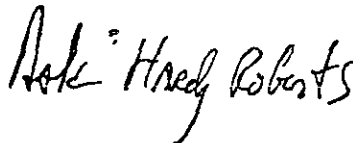
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Enclosed find certified copy of an ORDER in the above-numbered case(s).

Sincerely,

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Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Request of Coast)
International, Inc. for an Extension) Case No. TE-2000-824
of Time to file an Annual Report)

ORDER GRANTING LEAVE TO FILE ANNUAL REPORT OUT OF TIME

On or about May 23, 2000, Coast International, Inc. (Coast) attempted to file with the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) its annual report without using a Missouri attorney. The Commission sent a notification to Coast on May 23, 2000, which, *inter alia*, stated:

...All Annual Reports filed after the April 15, 2000 deadline **must** be filed by a Missouri attorney submitting...a pleading requesting an extension of time to file Annual Report....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....(Emphasis in the original.)

On June 18, 2000, Coast's attorney filed with the Commission an application for an extension of time to file its annual report which it also filed the same day. Coast requested that the Commission "...authorize an extension of time sufficient to allow the attached Annual Report of Coast International, Inc. to be filed contemporaneous with the filing of this application...."

The pleading was not fully in compliance with the rules governing practice and procedure.

Pursuant to Commission rule 4 CSR 240-10.080(1), "[a]ll public utilities subject to the jurisdiction of the Missouri Public Service Commission shall file an annual report with the commission on or before April 15 of each year¹."

Commission rule 4 CSR 240-10.080(8) states, in part: "A utility which is unable to meet the filing date [of April 15]...shall make a written request to extend the filing date for its annual report...and state the reason for the extension request." Coast did not comply with Commission rule 4 CSR 240-10.080(8) in that its application did not state a reason why it could not file its annual report until June 18, 2000.

Commission rule 4 CSR 240-2.080(3) states, in part: "Each pleading shall include a...specific reference to the statutory provision or other authority under which relief is requested." Coast's application did not comply with Commission rule 4 CSR 240-2.080(3) in that it did not include a specific reference to the statutory provision or other authority under which relief was requested.

On June 23, 2000, the Commission ordered Coast to file a supplemental pleading which included an explanation why it could not file its annual report until June 18, 2000, pursuant to Commission rule 4 CSR 240-10.080(8), and also a specific reference to the statutory provision or other authority under which relief was requested, pursuant to Commission rule 4 CSR 240-2.080(3).

¹ April 15, 2000, was on a Saturday, thus effectively making the due date the following Monday, i.e., April 17, 2000.

On July 13, 2000, Coast filed its supplemental application for extension which cured both of these defects. Coast stated that it was filing the pleading under Commission rule 4 CSR 240-10.080. Coast also stated that the reason for the late filing was that Coast was in the process of a merger at the time of the required filing and that it was subsequently delayed or inadvertently inattentive to various requirements.

Upon review of Coast's motion and the official case file, the Commission finds that there is good cause shown for the request to extend the filing date of the annual report for Coast. Since Coast has already filed its annual report, the Commission will issue an order granting leave for Coast to file out of time.

However, the Commission notes that Coast applied for an extension of time long after the filing deadline. Coast is admonished to follow known and required deadlines in the future.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That Coast International, Inc. shall be granted leave to file its annual report out of time.

2. That this order shall become effective on July 24, 2000.

BY THE COMMISSION

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Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

(S E A L)

Bill Hopkins, Senior Regulatory Law Judge,
by delegation of authority pursuant to
Section 386.240 RSMo 1994.

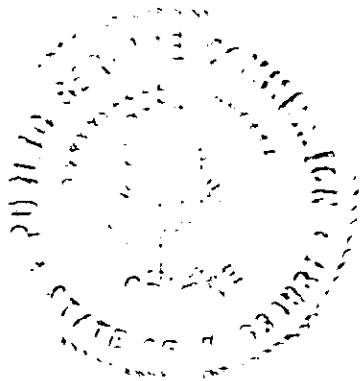
Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 14th day of July, 2000.

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

I have compared the preceding copy with the original on file in this office and

I do hereby certify the same to be a true copy therefrom and the whole thereof.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission, at Jefferson City,
Missouri, this 14th day of July 2000.



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Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge