

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

In the Matter of the Application of Tennessee)
Telephone Service, LLC d/b/a Freedom)
Communications USA, LLC for a Certificate)
of Service Authority to Provide Resold and)
Facilities-Based/UNE Basic Local)
Telecommunications Services in Portions of)
the State of Missouri and to Classify Said)
Services and the Company as Competitive)

Case No. LA-2010-0103

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission and for its Recommendation states:

1. On September 28, 2009, Tennessee Telephone Service, LLC d/b/a Freedom Communications USA, LLC (Applicant) filed an Application with the Commission seeking authority to provide resold and facilities-based/UNE basic local telecommunication services in portions of the State of Missouri and to classify the Applicant as competitive.

2. On October 19, 2009, the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) issued an Order *Directing Staff Status Report* by October 26, 2009.

3. On November 17, 2009, Staff filed a *Motion of Extension of Time* to file its recommendation. The Commission granted an extension until December 2, 2009.

4. On December 2, 2009, Staff filed a *Second Motion for Extension of Time* to file its recommendation by January 15, 2010. The Commission granted Staff's request.

5. On January 12, 2010, the Applicant filed a *Motion for Waiver of Filing Evidence of Financial Services*.

6. In the attached Memorandum, labeled Appendix A, the Staff recommends that the Commission deny Applicant a certificate to provide interexchange telecommunications services

in Missouri because the Applicant failed to provide adequate information regarding the Company's technical expertise.

WHEREFORE, Staff respectfully submits its Recommendation to the Commission to deny the Applicant's request seeking authority to provide resold and facilities-based/UNE basic local telecommunication services in portions of the State of Missouri and to classify the Applicant as competitive for lack of technical expertise.

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 15th day of January 2010.

/s/ Jaime N. Ott

MEMORANDUM

To: Missouri Public Service Commission Official Case File
Case No. LA-2010-0103
Company Name: Tennessee Telephone Services, LLC d/b/a Freedom
Communications USA, LLC

From: Lisa Mahaney
Telecommunications Department

William Voight 1/14/10
Utility Operations Division/Date

Subject: Staff's Recommendation to Deny Application

Date: 1/14/10

On September 28, 2009, Tennessee Telephone Service, LLC d/b/a Freedom Communications USA, LLC (Freedom), filed its Application for Certificate of Service Authority to Provide Resold and Facilities-Based/UNE Basic Local Telecommunications Services and for Competitive Classification.

Upon review of the application, Staff determined that Freedom had not demonstrated proof of technical expertise as required by Section 392.455. Staff contacted Freedom and requested that the application be amended to include proof of technical expertise. Staff requested and was granted extensions of time to file its recommendation on November 18, 2009, and December 2, 2009.

As of this date, Freedom has not responded to Staff's request to provide proof of technical expertise. Thus, Staff recommends that Freedom's application should be denied.

The Company is not delinquent in filing an annual report and paying the PSC assessment.

The Company is delinquent: (No annual report Unpaid PSC assessment.
Amount owed:)

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AFFIDAVIT OF LISA MAHANEY

STATE OF MISSOURI)
) ss:
COUNTY OF COLE)

Lisa Mahaney, 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 memorandum, and that the facts therein are true and correct to the best of her knowledge and belief.

Lisa Mahaney
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Subscribed and affirmed before me this 14th day of January 2010.



SUSAN L. SUNDERMEYER
My Commission Expires
September 21, 2010
Callaway County
Commission #06942086

Susan L. Sundermeyer
NOTARY PUBLIC