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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
STATE OF MISSOURI

In re: Application of Invision Telecom, Inc.)
for a Certificate of Service Authority to Provide)
Competitive Intrastate Interexchange Telecom-) Case No. TA-96-303
munications Service in the State of Missouri.)

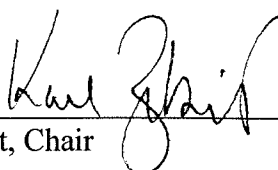
Dissenting Opinion

Zobrist, Chair.

As Office of Public Counsel correctly points out, the tariff filed by Invision Telecom, Inc. discriminates in certain respects between inmates and non-inmates in its provision of telecommunications services for Missouri correctional institutions. Although there may be cost reasons justifying such discrimination, they are not apparent on the face of the application.

By means of a central control unit, the services provided to inmates are restricted in order to reduce or eliminate fraudulent use of long distance services. Apparently, these restrictions also provide the correctional institution with other controls which block and screen calls. However, Invision Telecom does not cite these restrictions or any other reason for the differences in rates provided in Section 6 of its tariff.

While there may be reasons justifying a modification of the anti-discrimination provisions of Section 392.200.3, .5, Mo. Rev. Stat. (1994), I would vote to suspend the tariff and order an investigation into this portion of the applicant's proposal.



Karl Zobrist, Chair

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri on this 23rd day of April, 1996.

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