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STATE OF MISSOURI
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At a session of the Public Service
Commission held at its office
in Jefferson City on the 4th
day of October, 1989.

In the matter of the application of Western Union)
Corporation for permission to discontinue WULDS)
intrastate telecommunications service and to cancel)
its tariff in the state of Missouri.)
)

Case No. TD-89-219

ORDER

On April 27, 1989, Western Union Corporation (Western Union) filed for authority to discontinue Western Union Long Distance Service (WULDS) in the state of Missouri and to cancel its tariff P.S.C. Missouri No. 3. Western Union requested to retain its certificate of public convenience and necessity. On July 31, 1989, the Commission Staff (Staff) filed its recommendation that the application be granted and that the certificate be canceled because Western Union would no longer offer services regulated by this Commission; thus, it would no longer be subject to this Commission's jurisdiction.

On August 25, 1989, the Commission issued a Report And Order in which it allowed Western Union to discontinue its WULDS tariff and canceled its certificate.

On August 30, 1989, Western Union filed a timely application for rehearing. In its application, Western Union stated that the Report And Order was unlawful in that it revoked its certificate without a finding based on competent and substantial evidence on the record. Western Union also stated that the Report And Order was in error because it did not classify its customer base as an asset.

Also on August 30, 1989, the Commission Staff filed a motion for clarification of that Report And Order. In its motion Staff requested that the sale of Western Union's customer base be classified as a sale of an asset.

Although Western Union no longer offers regulated services, the potential for future offerings exists. If Western Union should decide within a year to offer regulated services, retention of its present certificate could allow it to do so without the expense to itself or the public of obtaining another certificate. The Commission has considered the arguments made by Western Union in support of its application for rehearing and has determined Western Union has set forth sufficient reason for the Commission to grant its application.

The Commission has also reviewed Staff's motion for clarification and has determined it should be granted. Therefore, the Commission clarifies its Report And Order dated August 25, 1989 by changing the first sentence of the second paragraph on page 2 which reads, "Applicant has sold its customer base to Teleconnect Co. (Teleconnect), a subsidiary of Telecom *USA, but has not sold any facilities or assets", to read, "Applicant has sold its customer base to Teleconnect Co. (Teleconnect), a subsidiary of Telecom *USA, but has not sold any other facilities or assets."

The language pertaining to the discontinuation of Western Union Long Distance Service (WULDS) and cancellation of Western Union's tariff P.S.C. Missouri No. 3 remains unchanged.

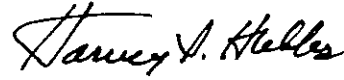
It is, therefore,

ORDERED: 1. That Western Union Corporation's application for rehearing filed August 30, 1989 is hereby granted and the revocation of Western Union Corporation's certificate is hereby rescinded.

ORDERED: 2. That the Commission Staff's motion for clarification is hereby granted and the Report And Order issued on August 25, 1989 is hereby amended as discussed herein.

ORDERED: 3. That this order shall become effective on the 17th day of
October, 1989.

BY THE COMMISSION



Harvey G. Hubbs
Secretary

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Steinmeier, Chm., Mueller,
Fischer and Rauch, CC., Concur.