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RE: Case No. TA-2000-600

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed for filing in the above-captioned case are an original and eight (8) conformed copies of a **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**.

This filing has been mailed or hand-delivered this date to all counsel of record.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
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In the Matter of the Application of Ionex)
Communications, Inc., for a Certificate of)
Service Authority to Provide Basic Local)
Telecommunications Service, for Waiver)
of Certain Statutory and Regulatory)
Provisions, and for Designation as a)
Competitive Telecommunications Com-)
pany

Case No. TA-2000-600

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) and for its recommendation states:

1. On June 2, 2000, the Staff filed its recommendation that the proposed Ionex Communications, Inc., (Ionex) original Missouri P.S.C. Local Exchange Tariff No. 3 be approved concurrently with Ionex's application for certificate of authority to provide basic local telecommunications services.
2. In the attached Memorandum, which is labeled Appendix A, the Staff recommends that the proposed Ionex Communications, Inc., original Missouri P.S.C. Access Services Tariff No. 4 be approved. In Tariff No. 4, Ionex concurs with the rates, terms and conditions in Tariff P.S.C. Mo. No. 36, Access Services and Regulations, Rates, and Charges of Southwestern Bell Telephone Company in the offering of switched access services.

Respectfully submitted,

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Missouri Public Service Commission Official Case File
Case No. TA-2000-600 File No. 2000 01112
Ionex Communications, Inc.

Docket ID: U5080

FROM: Arthur P. Kuss *AKK*
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SUBJECT: Recommendation to Approve Missouri P.S.C. Access Services Tariff No. 4 of
Ionex Communications, Inc.

EFFECTIVE

DATE: June 30, 2000

DATE: June 05, 2000

On March 27, 2000, **Ionex Communications, Inc.** (Ionex) submitted an Application for a Certificate of Service Authority to Provide Basic Local Telecommunications Services in Missouri (Application), and to classify such services as competitive, to the Public Service Commission (Commission). This Application is pending before the Commission under Case No. **TA-2000-600**. On May 31, 2000, Ionex submitted an original **Missouri P.S.C. Access Services Tariff No. 4** (tariff), in which it proposes to offer switched access services as a facilities-based telecommunications provider.

I. Background

Pending the Commission's Order granting a Certificate of Service Authority to Ionex to provide basic local telecommunications services in Missouri, a **Unanimous Stipulation and Agreement** was filed on May 24, 2000, in which Ionex proposes to:

- File a written disclosure of all resale or interconnection agreements that will affect its intended Missouri service areas upon submission of its initial tariff.
- Comply with the requirement to file its initial tariff within thirty (30) days of the effective date of the Commission's approval of a resale or interconnection agreement, and notify all affected parties at that time. A tariff to offer competitive basic local exchange services is submitted under File **200000868**, currently before the Commission.
- As a facilities-based Competitive Local Exchange Carrier (CLEC), set its originating and terminating access rates not to exceed those lowest such rates of the underlying Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers (ILECs).

On May 26, 2000, the Staff of the Commission filed **Suggestions in Support of the Stipulation and Agreement**.

II. Interconnection Agreement

On May 24, 2000, Ionex filed a **Notification of Interconnection Agreements Which Affect Ionex's Proposed Service Areas** describing the agreements, approved and pending, concerning exchanges currently served by the ILECs Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (SWBT) and Sprint Missouri, Inc. (Sprint).

III. Tariff

Subject	Section
1. The proposed tariff includes the following articles:	—
✓ Page format includes the company name, consecutive numbering of pages, Issue and Effective dates, and the name of the issuing officer.	All
✓ Concurrence with SWBT's Tariff P.S.C. Mo. No. 36.	Page 1
✓ Originating and Terminating access rates do not exceed those of SWBT.	Page 1

IV. Summary Recommendation.

The Telecommunications Department Staff (Staff) has reviewed the proposed tariff, and has no objections to Commission approval. Staff recommends that the proposed Ionex Communications, Inc. original Missouri P.S.C. Access Services Tariff No. 4 be approved. The specific tariff sheets recommended for approval are: Missouri P.S.C. Tariff No. 4 Original Title Page through Original Page 1. Except as noted above, Staff is unaware of any other filing that may affect, or be affected by, this filing.

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