

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of Computer)
Telephone Corp. for Name Change to CTC Corp.)

and for Approval of Tariff Sheets.)

ORDER DIRECTING FILING

Computer Telephone Corp. submitted a cover letter and an adoption notice on August 18, 1999, to reflect that it is changing its name "from Computer Telephone Corp. to CTC Corp." Computer Telephone Corp., d/b/a CTC Corp., was certified to provide interexchange telecommunications services on November 13, 1996, in Case No. TA-97-142 (the company will be referred to as CTC hereinafter). CTC included with its adoption notice a Certificate of Authority from the Missouri Secretary of State dated March 22, 1996, showing its original and fictitious name. CTC did not, however, file an amended Certificate of Authority and related documentation from its home state showing an actual change of name. At the same time, CTC also filed a new original tariff, P.S.C. Mo. No. 1.

On September 8, 1999, CTC filed substitute tariff sheets that reflected a name change to "CTC Corp." with effective dates of September 17, 1999. On September 9, 1999, CTC filed a letter withdrawing its adoption notice and extended the effective dates of its tariff sheets until September 24, 1999. On September 15, 1999, CTC filed a letter extending the tariff dates to October 8, 1999. On September 23, 1999,

CTC filed a letter extending the tariff dates to October 15, 1999. On September 28, 1999, CTC filed four substitute tariff sheets.

The Staff of the Commission (Staff) filed a memorandum on October 4, 1999, stating that it had reviewed CTC's P.S.C. Mo. No. 1, Original Sheet Nos. 1 through 28, as amended, and stated that Staff has no objection to the tariff going into effect. Staff also recommended that P.S.C. Mo. No. 1 in the name of Computer Telephone Corp. be canceled on the effective date of the CTC tariff.

The Commission reviewed and considered the filings and determined that the name change could not be recognized. The filings in this proceeding do not include documentation to show a new legal name for the corporation, and in particular, an amended Certificate of Authority filed and verified by the Missouri Secretary of State. The documentation submitted is from 1996 and documents the legal name "Computer Telephone Corp." and the fictitious name "CTC Corp." which is the same as the current tariffs, not the proposed amended tariffs. The Commission issued its Order and Notice Regarding Change of Corporate Name and Tariff Sheets and Ordering Supplemental Information on October 7, 1999. The order and notice requested documentation showing a new legal name.

In response CTC filed substitute tariff sheets on October 6, 1999, using the current legal name and filed a letter extending the effective date to October 22, 1999. On October 7, 1999, CTC filed a letter extending the tariff date to October 27, 1999. On October 13, 1999, CTC filed revised tariffs and a letter extending the tariff date to October 29, 1999. The revised tariff filing on October 13, 1999,

changed the filing to P.S.C. Mo. No. 2 in the name of Computer Telephone Corp., d/b/a CTC Corp.

On October 20, 1999, the Commission's Staff filed its recommendation stating that CTC had responded to all Staff concerns through the revision and substitution of tariff sheets and that CTC Corp.'s P.S.C. Mo. No. 2, Original Sheets Nos. 1 through 28, as amended, was acceptable. Staff had no objections to the tariff going into effect and recommended that the Commission cancel CTC's present tariff, P.S.C. Mo. No. 1, on the effective date of the new tariff.

As this case now stands, CTC has abandoned, at least temporarily, the name change to allow time to file or obtain appropriate documentation through the Missouri Secretary of State's Office. In the meanwhile, CTC is proceeding with other desired changes to its tariff.

Staff's recommendation appears to be appropriate. However, the memorandum fails to notify the Commission of the nature of the changes to the tariff. Before the Commission may proceed with a decision to approve the new tariff, Staff should file a supplement to its memorandum to provide a description of the changes.

On October 27, 1999, the parties and the regulatory law judge reviewed the status of this case in a conference call. On October 28, 1999, CTC filed a letter extending its tariff effective date to November 15, 1999, in order to allow time for the preparation, review and filing of a supplemental or revised recommendation by the Commission's Staff. The Staff's review and Commission consideration of this matter will be expedited.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

- 1. That the Commission's Staff shall file a supplement to its recommendation to advise the Commission of the changes to the tariff for Computer Telephone Corp., d/b/a CTC Corp., or, take other appropriate action by November 2, 1999.
 - 2. That this order shall become effective on October 29, 1999.

BY THE COMMISSION

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Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

(SEAL)

Keith Thornburg, Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.120(1) (November 30, 1995) and Section 386.240, RSMo 1994.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 29th day of October, 1999.

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COMPANDED COUNSELLON

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