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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of Citizens)
Long Distance Company for a Certificate of) Case No. TA-2000-178
Service Authority to Provide Interexchange) Tariff No. 200000145
and Local Exchange Telecommunications)
Services.)

ORDER APPROVING INTEREXCHANGE AND LOCAL
EXCHANGE CERTIFICATES OF SERVICE
AUTHORITY AND APPROVING TARIFF

Citizens Long Distance Company (Applicant) applied to the Public Service Commission on August 20, 1999, for certificates of service authority to provide intrastate interexchange and non-switched local exchange telecommunications services in Missouri under Section 392.440, RSMo 1994.¹ Applicant asked the Commission to classify it as a competitive company and waive certain statutes and rules as authorized by Sections 392.361 and 392.420. Applicant is a Missouri corporation with its principal office located at 1905 Walnut, Higginsville, Missouri 64037.

The Commission issued a Notice of Applications and Opportunity to Intervene on August 31, 1999, directing parties wishing to intervene to file their requests by September 15, 1999. No requests to intervene were received. The requirement for a hearing is met when the opportunity

¹All statutory references are to the Revised Statutes of Missouri 1994 unless otherwise indicated.

for hearing has been provided and no proper party has requested the opportunity to present evidence. State ex rel. Rex Deffenderfer Enterprises, Inc. v. Public Service Commission, 776 S.W.2d 494, 496 (Mo. App. 1989). Since no one has asked permission to intervene or requested a hearing, the Commission may grant the relief requested based on the verified application.

Applicant filed a proposed tariff in conjunction with its application, Tariff No. 200000145, effective October 4, 1999. Applicant filed substitute proposed tariff sheets on September 9, 1999, and again on September 17, 1999. Applicant's tariff describes the rates, rules, and regulations it intends to use, identifies Applicant as a competitive company, and lists the waivers requested. Applicant intends to provide interexchange telecommunications services including 1+ long distance services, 800/888/877, Directory Assistance, Operator services, and a travel card. Applicant also proposes to provide non-switched local exchange services limited to private line services.

In its Memorandum filed on September 22, 1999, the Staff of the Commission (Staff) stated that Applicant's proposed services are similar to existing IXC offerings. Staff recommended that the Commission grant Applicant the requested certificates of service authority, competitive status, and waiver of the statutes and rules listed in the Notice. Staff recommended that the Commission approve the proposed tariff as amended to become effective on October 4, 1999.

The Commission finds that competition in the intrastate interexchange telecommunications market is in the public interest and

Applicant should be granted a certificate of service authority. The Commission finds that the services Applicant proposes to offer are competitive and Applicant should be classified as a competitive company. The Commission finds that waiving the statutes and Commission rules set out in the ordered paragraph below is reasonable and not detrimental to the public interest. Additionally, the Commission concludes that Applicant should be granted a certificate of service authority to provide non-switched local exchange telecommunications services and that this authority be restricted to the provision of dedicated, private line services only.

The Commission finds that Applicant's proposed tariff details the services, equipment, and pricing it proposes to offer, and is similar to tariffs approved for other Missouri certificated interexchange carriers. The Commission finds that the proposed tariff sheets filed on August 20, 1999, shall be approved as amended on September 9, 1999, and on September 17, 1999, to become effective on October 4, 1999.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That Citizens Long Distance Company is granted a certificate of service authority to provide intrastate interexchange telecommunications services in the state of Missouri, subject to all applicable statutes and Commission rules except as specified in this order.

2. That Citizens Long Distance Company is granted a certificate of service authority to provide non-switched local exchange telecommunications services in the state of Missouri, subject to all applicable statutes and Commission rules except as specified in this order, and

subject to the restriction that only dedicated, private line telecommunications services be provided thereunder.

3. That Citizens Long Distance Company is classified as a competitive telecommunications company. Application of the following statutes and regulatory rules shall be waived:

Statutes

392.240(1) - ratemaking
392.270 - valuation of property (ratemaking)
392.280 - depreciation accounts
392.290 - issuance of securities
392.310 - stock and debt issuance
392.320 - stock dividend payment
392.340 - reorganization(s)
392.330, RSMo, Supp. 1998 - issuance of securities,
debts and notes

Commission Rules

4 CSR 240-10.020 - depreciation fund income
4 CSR 240-30.010(2)(C) - rate schedules
4 CSR 240-30.040 - Uniform System of Accounts
4 CSR 240-32.030(1)(B) - exchange boundary maps
4 CSR 240-32.030(1)(C) - record-keeping
4 CSR 240-32.030(2) - in-state record-keeping
4 CSR 240-32.050(3) - local office record-keeping
4 CSR 240-32.050(4) - telephone directories
4 CSR 240-32.050(5) - call intercept
4 CSR 240-32.050(6) - telephone number changes
4 CSR 240-32.070(4) - public coin telephone
4 CSR 240-33.030 - minimum charges rule
4 CSR 240-33.040(5) - financing fees

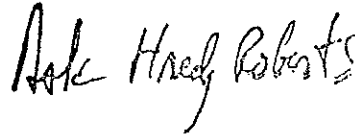
4. That the proposed tariff filed by Citizens Long Distance Company on August 20, 1999, Tariff No. 200000145, is approved as amended on September 9, 1999, and on September 17, 1999, to become effective on October 4, 1999. The tariff approved is:

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5. That this order shall become effective on October 4, 1999.

6. That this case shall be closed on October 5, 1999.

BY THE COMMISSION



Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

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Kevin A. Thompson, Deputy Chief
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 23rd of September, 1999.

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