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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Northeast Missouri)
Rural Telephone Company's Proposed) Case No. TT-2000-249
Tariff No. 200000265) Tariff File No. 200000265

ORDER APPROVING TARIFF

Northeast Missouri Rural Telephone Company (NEMO) submitted tariff sheets for Commission approval on August 31, 1999. After discussions with the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff), NEMO withdrew its original filing on September 21 and re-filed P.S.C. Mo. No. 2, in Tariff File Number 200000265. The tariff sheets reflect the effective date of October 21. NEMO requested expedited approval of its tariff by September 29. NEMO stated only that it had filed a tariff previously and that it withdrew that tariff to make necessary corrections to the tariff.

NEMO's proposed tariff redrafts and reorganizes its existing local tariff for administrative ease and to make the tariff more comprehensible and adaptable to the current industry changes and trends. NEMO noted that some of the more significant changes to the tariff include:

1. Adds Multi-Line Hunt
2. Adds Conference Bridge Service
3. Adds 900, 976 And 700 Service Access Restriction
4. Adds Billed Number Screening
5. Adds Foreign Exchange Service
6. Adds Non-Published Listing
7. Changes Combination Service To Off Premise Extension
8. Removes Transfer Service, Customer Premise Equipment (CPE)

9. Removes Extension Stations, CPE
10. Restructures and renames installation charges to Service Charges
11. Adds Concurrence for Digital Link Services with NEMO specific rate.

NEMO also notes in its letter that it is a telephone cooperative as defined in Section 386.020(56), RSMo (Cum. Supp. 1998), and its rates for local exchange telecommunications services are not subject to the jurisdiction of the Missouri Public Service Commission. § 392.220.2 and §392.220.5, RSMo (Cum. Supp. 1998).

On September 28, Staff filed its memorandum recommending the Commission approve NEMO's tariff sheets. In its memorandum, Staff stated that NEMO had filed its tariff in Tariff File No. 200000182 on August 31, 1999. Staff also stated that that filing failed to include the necessary boundary maps in its filing. Staff noted that NEMO withdrew its proposed tariff and resubmitted a corrected tariff on September 21.

Staff stated that NEMO's proposed P.S.C. Mo. No. 2 has been filed to replace P.S.C. Mo. No. 1. Staff stated that the proposed tariff is organized in a more logical manner and is very similar to the tariffs of Citizens Telephone Company and McDonald Telephone Company. Staff reviewed in its memorandum the new offerings listed above, noting that NEMO also added a concurrence for digital link services and that NEMO concurs in the rules and regulations governing Digital Link Services as set forth in Oregon Farmers Mutual Telephone Company's Digital Link Tariff. Staff stated that NEMO has set its own rates for digital link service.

Staff stated that it has no objections to the tariff filing and recommends the Commission approve the tariffs.

The Commission has reviewed the tariff filing and Staff's memorandum. The Commission finds that the tariff sheets proposed are reasonable and should be approved. Staff expedited its review process and recommendation regarding NEMO's proposed tariff. However, the Commission may not shorten the 30-day notice period required by §392.220, RSMo (Cum. Supp. 1998), unless good cause is shown. The Commission finds no good cause shown to expedite the effective date of NEMO's tariff and therefore, NEMO's request to expedite will be denied.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That Tariff No. 200000265, submitted in File No. TT-2000-249 by Northeast Missouri Rural Telephone Company, Inc. on September 21, 1999, is hereby approved for service on or after October 21, 1999. The tariff sheets approved are:

P.S.C. Mo. No. 2

Original Sheets 1 through 5
Original Sheets 1-1 through 1-5
Original Sheets 2-1 through 2-4
Original Sheets 3-1 through 3-23
Original Sheets 4-1 through 4-38
Original Sheets 5-1 through 5-6
Original Sheets 6-1 through 6-20

2. That Northeast Missouri Rural Telephone Company, Inc.'s request to expedite the approval process and to grant a tariff effective date of September 29, 1999 is denied.

3. That this order shall become effective on October 14, 1999.

4. That this case may be closed after October 15, 1999.

BY THE COMMISSION



Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

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Shelly A. Register, 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 4th day of October, 1999.

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