

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
JEFFERSON CITY
May 31, 2000**

CASE NO: TE-2000-703

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Enclosed find certified copy of an ORDER in the above-numbered case(s).

Sincerely,

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**Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge**

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

In the Matter of the Request of McDonald)
County Long Distance Company for an) Case No. TE-2000-703
Extension of Time to File Annual Report)

ORDER EXTENDING TIME TO FILE ANNUAL REPORT

Pursuant to 4 CSR 240-10.080(1), "[a]ll public utilities subject to the jurisdiction of the Missouri Public Service Commission shall file an annual report with the commission on or before April 15 of each year."

On April 28, 2000, McDonald County Long Distance Company (MCLD) requested an extension of time to file its 1999 annual report. MCLD stated that it has made a diligent effort to complete the report for submission by April 15 but was not able to do so because MCLD is a new company which only became certificated last year and additional information had to be gathered and prepared before its accountants could complete the report. MCLD requested an extension up to May 15 in which to complete and file its annual report. No objections to MCLD's request were received.

On May 16, 2000, MCLD filed its annual report along with a motion for leave to file its annual report out of time. MCLD stated that the annual report was completed and forwarded to counsel before May 15, 2000. MCLD indicated that because its counsel was not in the office on May 12 or May 15, 2000, the report was not filed by May 15, 2000 as requested in its request for extension of time to file its annual report.

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The Commission finds good cause for MCLD's failure to timely comply with Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-10.080(1) and its need for additional time. The Commission will extend the time for MCLD to file its annual report and will accept MCLD's annual report as filed on May 16, 2000.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That McDonald County Long Distance Company's Request for Extension of Time to File Annual Report filed April 28, 2000, and supplemented May 16, 2000, is granted, and McDonald Long Distance Company's annual report will be accepted as filed on May 16, 2000.
2. That this order shall become effective on June 12, 2000.
3. That this case may be closed after June 13, 2000.

BY THE COMMISSION



Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

(S E A L)

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 31st day of May, 2000.

**STATE OF MISSOURI
OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

I have compared the preceding copy with the original on file in this office and
I do hereby certify the same to be a true copy therefrom and the whole thereof.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission, at Jefferson City,
Missouri, this 31st day of May 2000.



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Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge