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

In the Matter of the Application of)
Kingdom Telephone Company d/b/a Kingdom)
Long Distance for a Certificate of) Case No. TA-2000-144
Service Authority to Provide Inter-) Tariff File No. 200000123
exchange and Local Exchange Telecommuni-)
cations Services)

**ORDER APPROVING INTEREXCHANGE AND
NON-SWITCHED LOCAL EXCHANGE CERTIFICATES
OF SERVICE AUTHORITY AND ORDER APPROVING TARIFF**

Kingdom Telephone Company d/b/a Kingdom Long Distance (Kingdom) applied to the Public Service Commission on August 12, 1999, for certificates of service authority to provide intrastate interexchange and non-switched local exchange telecommunications services in Missouri under Section 392.410-.450, RSMo 1994, and RSMo Supp. 1998¹. Kingdom 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. Kingdom is a Missouri corporation, with its principal office located at 211 South Main, Auxvasse, Missouri 65231.

The Commission issued a Notice of Applications for Intrastate Certificates of Service Authority and Opportunity to Intervene on August 17, 1999, directing parties wishing to intervene to file their requests by September 1, 1999. The requirement for a hearing is met

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

when the opportunity 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.

Kingdom filed a proposed tariff in conjunction with its application and filed substitute sheets on September 7 and 13, 1999. The tariff's effective date is September 27, 1999. Kingdom's tariff describes the rates, rules, and regulations it intends to use, identifies Kingdom as a competitive company, and lists the waivers requested. Kingdom intends to provide interexchange and non-switched local exchange telecommunications services including 1+, 800/888/877 Services, Directory Assistance, Operator Assistance, Private Line and Travel Card services.

In its memorandum filed on September 15, 1999, the Staff of the Commission stated that Kingdom's proposed services are similar to existing IXC offerings. Staff recommended that the Commission grant Kingdom a certificate of interexchange service authority, and a certificate of service authority for local exchange telecommunication services on condition that this authority be restricted to providing dedicated, non-switched local exchange private line services. Staff recommended that the Commission grant Kingdom 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 September 27, 1999.

The Commission finds that competition in the intrastate interexchange and non-switched local exchange telecommunications markets is in the public interest and Kingdom should be granted certificates of service authority. The Commission finds that the services Kingdom proposes to offer are competitive and Kingdom 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.

The Commission finds that Kingdom's proposed tariff details the services, equipment, and pricing it proposes to offer, and is similar to tariffs approved for other Missouri certificated interexchange and non-switched local exchange carriers. The Commission finds that the proposed tariff filed on August 12 shall be approved as amended to become effective on September 27, 1999.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That Kingdom Telephone Company d/b/a Kingdom Long Distance is granted a certificate of service authority to provide intrastate interexchange telecommunications services in the state of Missouri, subject to the conditions of certification set out above.

2. That Kingdom Telephone Company d/b/a Kingdom Long Distance is granted a certificate of service authority to provide local exchange telecommunications services in the state of Missouri limited to providing dedicated, non-switched local exchange private line services, subject to all applicable statutes and Commission rules except as specified in this order.

3. That Kingdom Telephone Company d/b/a Kingdom Long Distance 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 tariff filed by Kingdom Telephone Company d/b/a Kingdom Long Distance on August 12, 1999, under tariff number 200000123, is approved as amended to become effective on September 27, 1999. The tariff approved is:

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5. That this order shall become effective on September 27, 1999.

6. That this case may be closed on September 28, 1999.

BY THE COMMISSION



Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

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Bill Hopkins, Senior 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 day of September, 1999.

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