

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of)
Northeast Missouri Long Distance, L.L.C.)
for a Certificate of Service Authority to) Case No. TA-2000-242
Provide IntraLATA and InterLATA) Tariff No. 200000262
Interexchange and Basic Interexchange)
Telecommunications Services.)

ORDER APPROVING TEMPORARY INTEREXCHANGE CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE
AUTHORITY AND ORDER APPROVING TARIFF

Northeast Missouri Long Distance L.L.C (NELD) applied to the Public Service Commission on September 20, 1999, for a certificate of service authority to provide intraLATA and interLATA interexchange and basic interexchange telecommunications services in Missouri under '392.440, RSMo 1994¹. NELD filed a revised Application on September 27. NELD is a Limited Liability Company authorized to do business in Missouri, with its principal office located at 718 S. West Street, P.O. Box 98, Green City, Missouri 63545. NELD is an affiliate of Northeast Missouri Rural Telephone Company.

NELD asked the Commission to classify it as a competitive company and waive certain statutes and rules as authorized by §§ 392.361 and 392.420. NELD also requested expedited treatment of its application

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

so that its application could be approved on or before October 5. The Commission issued a Notice of Applications and Opportunity to Intervene on September 28, directing parties wishing to intervene to file their requests by October 8.

On September 29, the Commission issued an order directing its Staff to file a recommendation regarding NELD's Application no later than October 4. On October 4, Staff filed a Memorandum recommending that the Commission grant a temporary certificate to NELD to provide interexchange telecommunications services. Staff indicated that it is essential that NELD be granted its certificate on or before October 5, so that it can begin providing interexchange service no later than October 21. This expedited treatment is necessary because (1) AT&T has not yet decided to provide 1+ intraLATA service, (2) the need to make modifications to the IntraLATA Toll Dialing Parity Implementation Plans of Northeast Missouri Rural Telephone Company, and its affiliate Modern Telecommunications Company by October 20, and (3) the need to give customers timely notification. Because the time established for intervention, October 8, has not yet passed, Staff recommends that the Commission grant NELD a temporary certificate of service authority to provide intraLATA and interLATA interexchange and basic interexchange telecommunications services. Staff recommends that this temporary certificate remain in effect for a period that shall terminate on the earlier of the effective date of the Commission's final order ruling on the application for certificate of service authority or September 20, 2000. If no parties

intervene, Staff recommends that the Commission cancel the temporary certificate of service authority and issue a certificate of service authority.

NELD filed a proposed tariff in conjunction with its application and filed substitute sheets on September 27 and 30. The tariff's effective date is October 21. NELD's tariff describes the rates, rules, and regulations it intends to use, identifies NELD as a competitive company, and lists the waivers requested. NELD intends to provide interexchange telecommunications services including 1+, 800/888/877, Directory Assistance, Operator, Private Line and Travel Card services. Staff recommended that the Commission approve the proposed tariff as amended to become effective on October 21.

The Commission will approve a temporary certificate of service authority so that the customers of Northeast Missouri Rural Telephone Company, and its affiliate Modern Telecommunications Company who have not selected a primary intraLATA toll carrier will not be without 1+ intraLATA toll service. The Commission is authorized to take this action by Section 392.410.6, RSMo Supp. 1998. The Commission will consider the issuance of a permanent certificate of service authority after other interested parties have had an opportunity to intervene.

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.

The Commission finds that NEELD'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 filed on September 20 shall be approved as amended to become effective on October 21.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That Northeast Missouri Long Distance L.L.C is granted a temporary 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 the temporary certificate of service authority granted to Northeast Long Distance L.L.C. shall be effective for a period of one year unless sooner canceled by order of the Commission.

3. That Northeast Missouri Long Distance L.L.C 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

3. That the tariff filed by Northeast Missouri Long Distance L.L.C on September 20, 1999, and assigned tariff number 200000262 is approved as amended to become effective on October 21, 1999.

The tariff approved is:

Northeast Missouri Long Distance. L.L.C.
P.S.C. No. No. 1
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4. That this order shall become effective on October 5, 1999.

BY THE COMMISSION



Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

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Morris L. Woodruff, 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 5th day of October, 1999.

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