

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
JEFFERSON CITY
April 19, 2000**

CASE NO: TD-2000-633

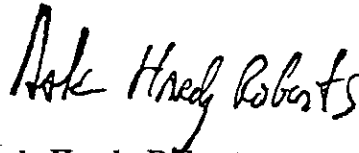
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Enclosed find certified copy of an ORDER in the above-numbered case(s).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dale Hardy Roberts". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

**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 Afford-A-Call,)
Inc. for Cancellation of the Certificate of)
Service Authority to Provide Private Pay) Case No. TD-2000-633
Telephone Service within the State of Missouri)

ORDER DIRECTING STAFF INVESTIGATION

On April 10, 2000, Afford-A-Call, Inc. (Afford) filed a letter as its application for cancellation of its certificate of service authority, asking the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) to cancel its certificate of authority to provide payphone service.

Afford stated, *inter alia*, that as of April 1, 2000, Afford's payphone route has been sold to Joltran Communications Corporation of Saint Louis, Missouri (Joltran), which was taking over all installed phones and automatic number identification systems belonging to Afford "under their [i.e., Joltran's] corporation name."

Section 392.300(1), RSMo 1994, states, in part:

No telecommunications company shall hereafter sell, assign, lease, transfer, mortgage or otherwise dispose of or encumber the whole or any part of its franchise, facilities or system, necessary or useful in the performance of its duties to the public, nor by any means, direct or indirect, merge or consolidate such line or system, or franchises, or any part thereof, with any other corporation, person or public utility, without having first secured from the commission an order authorizing it so to do. Every such sale, assignment, lease, transfer, mortgage, disposition, encumbrance, merger or consolidation made other than in accordance with the order of the commission authorizing the same shall be void.

The Commission will direct its Staff to investigate and file a report and recommendation concerning Afford's request to cancel its certificate and purported transfer of its facilities.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That no later than May 30, 2000, at 3:00 p.m., the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission shall file a report and recommendation as discussed herein.
2. That this order shall become effective on May 1, 2000.

BY THE COMMISSION



Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

(S E A L)

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.

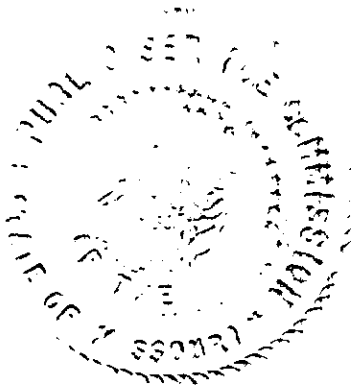
Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 19th day of April, 2000.

**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 19th day of April 2000.**



Dale Hardy Roberts

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