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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of Connect!LD,)
Inc., for a Certificate of Service Authority) **Case No. TA-2000-198**
to Provide Interexchange Telecommunications) **Tariff No. 200000183**
Services in the State of Missouri and for)
Competitive Classification.)

ORDER APPROVING INTEREXCHANGE CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE AUTHORITY
AND ORDER APPROVING TARIFF

Connect!LD, Inc. (Connect!LD), applied to the Public Service Commission on August 31, 1999, for a certificate of service authority to provide intrastate interexchange telecommunications services in Missouri under Section 392.440, RSMo 1994¹. Connect!LD 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. Connect!LD is a Nevada corporation, with its principal office located at 124 West Capitol Avenue, Suite 250, Little Rock, Arkansas 72201.

The Commission issued a Notice of Applications for Intrastate Certificates of Service Authority and Opportunity to Intervene on September 7, 1999, directing parties wishing to intervene to file their requests by September 22, 1999. The requirement for a hearing is met 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

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

permission to intervene or requested a hearing, the Commission may grant the relief requested based on the verified application.

Connect!LD filed a proposed tariff in conjunction with its application and filed substitute sheets on October 4, 6, 8, 9, and 25, 1999. The tariff's effective date is November 8, 1999. Connect!LD's tariff describes the rates, rules, and regulations it intends to use, identifies Connect!LD as a competitive company, and lists the waivers requested. Connect!LD intends to provide interexchange telecommunications services including 1+, operator assistance, debit card, and calling card services.

In its Memorandum filed on October 26, 1999, the Staff of the Commission (Staff) recommended that the Commission grant Connect!LD a certificate of service authority, 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 November 8, 1999.

The Commission finds that competition in the intrastate interexchange telecommunications market is in the public interest and Connect!LD should be granted a certificate of service authority. The Commission finds that the services Connect!LD proposes to offer are competitive and Connect!LD 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 Connect!LD's proposed tariff details the services, equipment, and pricing it proposes to offer. The

Commission finds that the proposed tariff filed on August 31, 1999, shall be approved as amended to become effective on November 8, 1999.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That Connect!LD, Inc., is granted a 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 Connect!LD, Inc., 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 Connect!LD, Inc. on August 31, 1999, and assigned Tariff File No. 200000183, is approved as amended to become effective on November 8, 1999. The tariff approved is:

Missouri P.S.C. Tariff No. 1
Original Title Sheet
Original Sheet 1 through Original Sheet 43

4. That this order shall become effective on November 8, 1999.

5. That this case may be closed on November 12, 1999.

BY THE COMMISSION

Dale Hardy Roberts

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Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

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Keith Thornburg, 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 1st day of November, 1999.

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