

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of)	
Hotel Connect Management, Inc. for a)	
Certificate of Authority to)	<u>Case No. TA-2000-354</u>
Provide Competitive Intrastate)	Tariff No. 200000519
Telecommunications Services in Missouri.)	

ORDER APPROVING INTEREXCHANGE CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE AUTHORITY AND ORDER APPROVING TARIFF

Hotel Connect Management, Inc. (Hotel Connect) applied to the Public Service Commission on December 1, 1999, for a certificate of service authority to provide intrastate interexchange telecommunications services in Missouri under Section 392.440, RSMo 1994¹. Hotel Connect filed a supplement to its application on January 4, 2000. Hotel Connect 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. Applicant is a Nevada corporation, with its principal office located at 9050 Marshall Court, Westminster, Colorado 80031.

The Commission issued a Notice of Applications and Opportunity to Intervene on December 7, directing parties wishing to intervene to file their requests by December 22. The requirement for a hearing is met when the opportunity for hearing has been provided and no proper party has

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

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.

Hotel Connect filed a proposed tariff in conjunction with its application and filed substitute sheets on December 29, 1999 and January 6, 2000. The tariff's effective date is January 22, 2000. Hotel Connect's tariff describes the rates, rules, and regulations it intends to use, identifies Hotel Connect as a competitive company, and lists the waivers requested. Hotel Connect intends to provide interexchange telecommunications services including 1+, 800/888/877, Directory Assistance, Operator Assistance, Debit Card and Travel Card services.

In its Recommendation filed on January 11, 2000, the Staff of the Commission stated that Hotel Connect's proposed services are similar to existing IXC offerings. Staff recommended that the Commission grant Hotel Connect a certificate of service authority, competitive status, and waiver of the statutes and rules listed in the application. Staff recommended that the Commission approve the proposed tariff as amended to become effective on January 22, 2000.

The Commission finds that competition in the intrastate interexchange telecommunications market is in the public interest and Hotel Connect should be granted a certificate of service authority. The Commission finds that the services Hotel Connect proposes to offer are

competitive and Hotel Connect 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 is not detrimental to the public interest.

The Commission finds that Hotel Connect'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 December 1 shall be approved as amended to become effective on January 22, 2000.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED

1. That Hotel Connect Management, 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 Hotel Connect Management, Inc. is classified as a competitive telecommunications company. Application of the following statutes and regulatory rules shall be waived:

Statutes

392.210.2 - system of accounts
392.240(1) - ratemaking
392.270 - valuation of property (ratemaking)
392.280 - depreciation accounts
392.290 - issuance of securities
392.300.2 - stock ownership and sale
392.310 - stock and debt issuance

392.320 - stock dividend payment
392.340 - reorganization(s)
392.330, RSMo Supp. 1999 - 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 Hotel Connect Management, Inc. on December 1, 1999, and assigned tariff number 200000519 is approved as amended to become effective on January 22, 2000. The tariff approved is:

P.S.C. Mo. No. 1

4. That this order shall become effective on January 22, 2000.

5. That this case may be closed on January 24, 2000.

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dale Hardy Roberts".

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 12th day of January, 2000.

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