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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of)
Steelville Long Distance, Inc., for a) **Case No. TA-2000-194**
Certificate of Service Authority to) **Tariff No. 200000170**
Provide Interexchange and Local Exchange)
Telecommunications Services.)

ORDER APPROVING INTEREXCHANGE AND NONSWITCHED LOCAL EXCHANGE
CERTIFICATES OF SERVICE AUTHORITY AND ORDER APPROVING TARIFF

Steelville Long Distance, Inc. (Steelville), applied to the Public Service Commission on August 27, 1999, for certificates of service authority to provide intrastate interexchange and nonswitched local exchange telecommunications services in Missouri under Section 392.410-.450, RSMo 1994, and RSMo Supp. 1998.¹ Steelville 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. Steelville is a Missouri corporation, with its principal office located at 61 East Highway 8, Steelville, Missouri 65565.

The Commission issued a Notice of Applications for Intrastate Certificates of Service Authority and Opportunity to Intervene on August 31, 1999, directing parties wishing to intervene to file their requests by September 15, 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,

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

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.

Steelville filed a proposed tariff in conjunction with its application and filed substitute sheets on September 13, 1999. The tariff's effective date is October 12, 1999. Steelville's tariff describes the rates, rules, and regulations it intends to use, identifies Steelville as a competitive company, and lists the waivers requested. Steelville intends to provide interexchange and nonswitched local exchange telecommunications services including 1+, 800/888/877, directory assistance, operator assistance, private line, and travel card services.

In its memorandum filed on September 16, 1999, the Staff of the Commission (Staff) recommended that the Commission grant Steelville 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, nonswitched local exchange private line services. Staff recommended that the Commission grant Steelville 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 October 12, 1999.

The Commission finds that competition in the intrastate interexchange and nonswitched local exchange telecommunications markets is in the public interest and Steelville should be granted certificates of service authority. The Commission finds that the

services Steelville proposes to offer are competitive and Steelville 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 Steelville's proposed tariff details the services, equipment, and pricing it proposes to offer. The Commission finds that the proposed tariff filed on August 27, 1999, shall be approved as amended to become effective on October 12, 1999.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That Steelville Long Distance, Inc., 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 Steelville Long Distance, Inc., is granted a certificate of service authority to provide local exchange telecommunications services in the state of Missouri limited to

3. dedicated, nonswitched local exchange private line services, subject to all applicable statutes and Commission rules except as specified in this order.

4. That Steelville Long Distance, 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

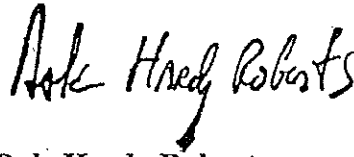
5. That the tariff filed by Steelville Long Distance, Inc., on August 27, 1999, and assigned Tariff File No. 200000170, is approved as amended to become effective on October 12, 1999. The tariff approved is:

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6. That this order shall become effective on October 12, 1999.

7. That this case may be closed on October 13, 1999.

BY THE COMMISSION



Dale Hardy Roberts
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 20th day of September, 1999.

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