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**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

In the Matter of the Application of WebNet)
Communication, Inc. Application to Provide) Case No. TA-2000-208
Intrastate Telecommunications Resale) Tariff No. 200000152
Services)

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

WebNet Communications, Inc. (WebNet) applied to the Public Service Commission on August 25, 1999, for a certificate of service authority to provide intrastate interexchange telecommunications services in Missouri under Section 392.440, RSMo 1994¹. WebNet 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. WebNet is a Commonwealth of Virginia corporation, with its principal office located at 3248 Prospect Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20007.

The Commission issued a Notice of Applications for Intrastate Certificates of Service Authority and Opportunity to Intervene on September 7, directing parties wishing to intervene to file their requests by September 22. 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 statutory references are to the Revised States 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.

WebNet filed a proposed tariff in conjunction with its application and filed substitute sheets on September 14 and September 20. The tariff's effective date is October 12. WebNet's tariff describes the rates, rules, and regulations it intends to use, identifies WebNet as a competitive company, and lists the waivers requested. WebNet intends to provide interexchange telecommunications services including 1+, 800/888/877 services, directory assistance, and travel card services.

In its Memorandum filed on September 24, the Staff of the Commission (Staff) stated that WebNet's proposed services are similar to existing interexchange telecommunications offerings. Staff recommended that the Commission grant WebNet 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 October 12.

The Commission finds that competition in the intrastate interexchange telecommunications market is in the public interest and WebNet should be granted a certificate of service authority. The Commission finds that the services WebNet proposes to offer are competitive and WebNet 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 WebNet'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 August 25 shall be approved as amended to become effective on October 12.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That WebNet Communications, 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 WebNet Communications, 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 WebNet Communications, Inc. on August 25, 1999, and assigned Tariff File No. 200000152, is approved as amended to become effective on October 12, 1999. The tariff approved is:

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Original Sheet Nos. 1 through 18

- 4. That this order shall become effective on October 12, 1999.
- 5. That this case may be closed on October 13, 1999.

BY THE COMMISSION

Dale Hardy Roberts

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Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

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Shelly A. Register, 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 October, 1999.

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