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CASE NO: TM-2000-532

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

Sincerely,

Dale Hardy Roberts

Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

DEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of)	
WorkNet Communications, Inc. for)	
Approval of Pro Forma Internal) Case No. TM-2000-5	32
Corporate Reorganization.)	

ORDER DIRECTING APPLICANT TO CORRECT DEFICIENCY IN APPLICATION AND ORDER MODIFYING TIME ESTABLISHED FOR SUBMISSION OF STAFF RECOMMENDATION

On March 1, 2000, WorkNet Communications, Inc. (WorkNet) filed an Application for Approval of Pro Forma Internal Corporate Reorganization. The Reorganization plan will result in WorkNet becoming a wholly owned subsidiary of a newly-created parent, WorkNet Communications Group, Inc. The application requests that the Commission expedite its consideration of the application so that the reorganization can be completed no later than March 31, 2000.

On March 7, in recognition of WorkNet's desire for expedited consideration, the Commission issued an order directing the Staff of the Commission (Staff) to file, no later than March 17, its recommendations regarding approval or rejection of the application. On March 10, Staff filed a recommendation and memorandum indicating that WorkNet's application is not in compliance with 4 CSR 240-2.060(6)(G), which in part requires "a statement of the impact, if any, the merger or consolidation will have on the tax revenues of the political subdivision in which any structure, facilities or equipment of the companies involved



are located." Staff also indicates that the application does not comply with 4 CSR 240-2.060(6)(H) which states in part:

Competitive telecommunications companies . . . must file a pleading indicating what company will be holding the certificate of service authority and providing service to Missouri customers, the tariff under which service will be provided, and whether the remaining company has either pending or final decisions or judgments against it from any state or federal agency involving service to customers or rates charged.

Staff recommends that the Commission reject the application as non-compliant with the Commission's rules, or in the alternative, that the Commission issue a Notice of Deficiency.

The Commission has considered Staff's Recommendation and Memorandum and has reviewed the application. The Commission concludes that the application, as submitted, does not comply with the sections of the Commission's regulations indicated by Staff. The regulations in question were created so that Staff would have the information it needs to promptly and thoroughly consider applications. Failure to comply with those regulations means that Staff is deprived of the information it needs. It may be that the information required by those regulations is implied by the information that is contained in the application. However, the Staff will not be required to make assumptions about the meaning of WorkNet's application. Therefore, WorkNet will be ordered to correct the deficiencies in its application to bring them into compliance with the requirements of the Commission's regulations.

The requirement that WorkNet correct its application renders the time previously established for submission of a recommendation by Staff unworkable. The Commission does, however, recognize WorkNet's desire for a prompt consideration of its application. Staff will therefore be directed to file its recommendation ten days after WorkNet files its amended application.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

- 1. That WorkNet Communications, Inc. shall amend its Application for Approval of Pro Forma Internal Corporate Reorganization to comply with the requirements of 4 CSR 240-2.060(6)(G) and 4 CSR 240-2.060(6)(H).
- 2. That no later than ten days following the filing of the amendment required by paragraph 1, the Staff of the Public Service Commission shall file its recommendations regarding approval or rejection of the application filed by WorkNet Communications, Inc.
 - 3. That this order shall become effective on March 24, 2000.

BY THE COMMISSION

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Dale Hardy Roberts

- Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

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 14th day of March, 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 14th day of March 2000.

Dale Hardy Roberts

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Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge