STATE OF MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

At a Session of the Public Service Commission held at its office in Jefferson City on the 10th day of June, 1988.

Case No. TA-88-175

In the matter of the application of World Communications, Inc. for certificate of service authority to provide private pay telephone service within the State of Missouri.

ORDER DENYING APPLICATION FOR REHEARING

On May 4, 1988, the Commission issued a Report and Order herein granting a certificate of service authority to World Communications, Inc. (WCI). The Report and Order became effective on May 17, 1988.

On May 26, 1988, WCI filed a motion for rehearing stating that the Commission's Report and Order was unsupported by substantial and competent evidence as to restrictions placed on World's use of alternative operator services in its provision of private pay telephone service. WCI admits that its application for rehearing is untimely but argues that no one would be prejudiced by the Commission's consideration of its application because no party sought intervention in this case.

Pursuant to Section 386.500(2), RSMo 1986, as amended, no cause will arise on appeal in this matter for WCI since its application for rehearing was untimely. The Commission need not address untimely applications for rehearing and should it do so the effect of the statute remains unchanged. The Commission deems it appropriate in this case to consider this application despite its untimeliness.

The Commission has carefully considered the arguments for rehearing set forth by WCI. Pursuant to Section 386.500(1), RSMo 1986, as amended, the Commission determines that WCI has not shown sufficient reasons for rehearing and, therefore, its application should be denied.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED: 1. That the application for rehearing of World Communications, Inc., is denied hereby.

ORDERED: 2. That this Order shall become effective on the date hereof.

BY THE COMMISSION

Tarvey S. Kells

Harvey G. Hubbs

Secretary

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Steinmeier, Chm., Musgrave, Mueller, Hendren and Fischer, CC., Concur.