STATE OF MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

At a session of the Public Service Commission held at its office in Jefferson City on the 29th day of June, 1989.

In the matter of MCI Telecommunications)
Corporation's customer-specific operator)
services tariff for State of Missouri)
prison pay phones.)

CASE NO. TR-89-264

ORDER

On June 28, 1989, MCI Telecommunications Corporation (MCI) filed a tariff proposing intrastate operator services for collect calls placed by inmates in prisons of the State of Missouri. This tariff is restricted to service to be provided in the event MCI is awarded the pending state Prison Pay Phone Contract.

Under this tariff MCI would charge the same rates for operator-assisted collect calls from the prisons as are charged to end users directly served by MCI. This tariff conforms to the conditions for the provision of operator services set forth in Case No. TA-88-218, et al., with the following exceptions. MCI states that these conditions are excluded from this tariff because they are inapplicable to provision of operator services at the prisons. The Invitation for Bid (IFB) issued by the State of Missouri for operator-assisted pay phone services at state prisons requires that the pay phones be dial-less and configured to provide a direct connection with the MCI operator upon lifting the receiver. Only collect calls can be made from these phones. Access via these phones is solely to the carrier chosen by the state to provide the service.

Therefore, MCI states that the calling card verification requirement, the emergency call requirement and the requirement to post and display procedures for reaching the local exchange operator and other authorized interexchange carriers, are inapplicable to the service proposed. MCI also states that the requirement that operator service providers refuse to serve traffic aggregators which block access to other carriers is inapplicable since the IFB requires dial-less pay phones at the

prisons. In the alternative, MCI proposes that this latter requirement be waived because the terms of the IFB prevent compliance.

Since the contract for service of the prisons is to be awarded by the State of Missouri at the beginning of July, MCI requests that this proposed tariff be approved on less than thirty days notice for good cause shown for service rendered on and after June 30, 1989.

The Commission's Staff (Staff) has filed a memorandum herein recommending approval of this tariff on less than thirty days notice for good cause shown pursuant to Section 392.220.2, RSMo Supp. 1988. Attached to the recommendation are the tariffs to be approved by the Commission. Staff indicates that the service proposal by MCI is unique and since it is customer-specific it does not alter Staff's position with regard to MCI operator service offerings to end users or traffic aggregators. The Office of the Public Counsel (Public Counsel) filed a pleading herein on June 28, 1989, stating that it does not oppose approval of this tariff.

The Commission determines that the proposed tariff creates a special and unique service at the state prisons pursuant to the IFB issued by the State of Missouri, and should be approved. The Commission further determines that this proposed tariff of MCI should be approved on less than thirty days notice for good cause shown for service on and after June 30, 1989.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED: 1. That the customer-specific operator service tariff filed herein by MCI Telecommunications Corporation as attached to Staff's recommendation governing the provision of operator services to inmates at Missouri state correctional institutions is approved hereby for service on and after June 30, 1989.

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

BY THE COMMISSION

Harvey G. Hubbs

Secretary

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