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STATE OF MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

At a Session of the Public Service Commission held at its office in Jefferson City on the 3rd day of August, 1994.

In the matter of MoKan Dial, Inc.'s) modernization plans pursuant to) CASE NO. TO-94-377 4 CSR 240-32.100.

ORDER APPROVING STIPULATION AND AGREEMENT

On June 29, 1994, the Commission established this case for the proceedings concerning MoKan Dial, Inc.'s (MoKan Dial) modernization plans pursuant to 4 CSR 240-32.100.

On July 15, 1994, MoKan Dial, the Staff of the Commission (Staff), and the Office of the Public Counsel (Public Counsel) filed a Stipulation and Agreement (Stipulation) in this matter. The Stipulation (Attachment A to this Order and incorporated herein by reference) states that MoKan Dial provides, and shall continue to provide, the minimum necessary elements for basic local interexchange telecommunications service as prescribed in the modernization rule, with the exception of providing equal access.

The Stipulation also states that MoKan Dial will send a letter to interexchange carriers informing them of the date MoKan Dial intends to provide equal access, and that MoKan Dial will provide equal access no later than June 30, 1996. The letter is to be sent no later than six months prior to the date MoKan Dial intends to provide equal access. The stipulation further specifies that MoKan Dial will comply with the requirements of the Federal Communications Commission Report and Order released March 19, 1985, in CC Docket No. 78-72, Phase III. In addition, the parties agree that if MoKan Dial fulfills the terms of the stipulation, MoKan Dial will be providing basic service in compliance with modernization rule by June 30, 1996. Furthermore, the

Stipulation states that the requirement for MoKan Dial to file three, five, and seven-year modernization plans should be waived.

The Commission has reviewed MoKan Dial's filings and the Stipulation in this matter. The Commission finds that MoKan Dial currently provides most elements of basic service, except equal access, and that MoKan Dial intends to provide equal access no later than June 30, 1996. The Commission also finds that the provision for MoKan Dial to continue to provide the minimum necessary elements for basic service is beneficial for purposes of protecting the public interest in the future. Furthermore, the fact that MoKan Dial will be providing basic service as required by 4 CSR 240-32.100 within three years of the filing date specified by the modernization rule is good cause for MoKan Dial to be granted a waiver from the requirement to file three, five, and seven-year modernization plans. Thus, the Commission finds that the Stipulation is just and reasonable.

The Commission may approve a stipulation of the issues in a case if it finds that the stipulation is just and reasonable. The Commission has so found and thus determines that the Stipulation in this case should be approved.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

- 1. That the Stipulation and Agreement filed in this case (Attachment A) is hereby approved and adopted.
- 2. That MoKan Dial, Inc. is hereby granted a waiver of the requirement to file, three, five, and seven-year modernization plans pursuant to 4 CSR 240-32.100.
- 3. That MoKan Dial, Inc. shall submit a copy of the letter to interexchange carriers required by the Stipulation and Agreement approved in Ordered Paragraph 1 to the Telecommunications Department of the Commission.

- 4. That MoKan Dial, Inc. shall submit written notification to the Telecommunications Department of the Commission upon full implementation of equal access.
 - 5. That this Order shall become effective on August 16, 1994.

BY THE COMMISSION

David L. Rauch Executive Secretary

(SEAL)

Mueller, Chm., McClure, Perkins, Kincheloe and Crumpton, CC., Concur.

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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In the matter of MoKan Dial, Inc.'s Modernization Plans Pursuant to 4 CSR 240-32.100) Case No. TO-93-309	
In the matter of MoKan Dial, Inc.'s modernization plans pursuant to 4 CSR 240-32.100) Case No. TO-94-377	

STIPULATION AND AGREEMENT

Based on documentation filed by MoKan Dial, Inc. ("the Company"), the signatoriesthe Office of the Public Counsel ("OPC"), the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("the Staff") and the Company--agree and stipulate as follows:

- 1. As of the date of this Stipulation and Agreement, the parties agree that the Company provides the minimum necessary elements for basic local and interexchange telecommunications service ("Basic Service") as prescribed in 4 CSR 240-32.100 ("the Modernization Rule") with the exception of interLATA equal access. The Company agrees to continue to provide at least this level of service.
- 2. The Company agrees to send a letter to interexchange carriers no later than six months prior to the date the Company intends to provide customers with equal access, indicating such plans. The Company shall provide equal access by June 30, 1996, or earlier if practicable considering the business conditions in the Company's service area and the Company's capital constraints. In implementing interLATA equal access, the Company shall

comply with the requirements of the Federal Communications Commission Report and Order released March 19, 1985, in CC Docket No. 78-72, Phase III.

- 3. OPC and the Staff agree that if the Company fulfills the terms of paragraphs 1 and 2, then the Company will provide Basic Service by June 30, 1996.
- 4. Given the Company's intent to provide Basic Service within three years of the filing date specified by the Modernization Rule, the Staff and the OPC agree that it is not essential for the Company to file three-, five- and seven-year modernization plans as provided by the Modernization Rule.
- 5. If the Missouri Public Service Commission ("the Commission") accepts the specific terms of this Stipulation and Agreement, the signatories waive their respective rights--
- a. to call, examine or cross-examine witnesses, pursuant to § 536.070(2) RSMo 1986;
- b. to present oral argument and written briefs, pursuant to § 536.080.1 RSMo 1986;
- c. to have the Commission read any transcript resulting from this proceeding, pursuant to § 536.080.2 RSMo 1986; and
- d. to judicial review, pursuant to § 386.510 RSMo 1986.
- 6. Nothing in this stipulation shall constitute an agreement by the parties as to the reasonableness of the amount or value for ratemaking purposes of any specific planned or completed expenditure made by the Company in providing Basic Service. The Commission may consider, where appropriate, the ratemaking consequences of any such expenditure made or incurred by the Company in providing Basic Service in a subsequent ratemaking proceeding involving the Company.

- 7. The provisions of this Stipulation and Agreement have resulted from negotiations among the signatories and are interdependent. If the Commission does not approve this Stipulation and Agreement in total, it shall be void and no party shall be bound, prejudiced or in any way affected by any of the agreements or provisions hereof.
- 8. This Stipulation and Agreement represent a negotiated settlement. Except as specified herein, no party shall be bound, prejudiced or in any way affected by any of the agreements or provisions hereof in any future proceeding, in any proceeding currently pending under a separate docket.
- 9. The Staff shall have the right to explain to the Commission confidentially its rationale for entering into this Stipulation and Agreement, and to provide to the Commission whatever further explanation the Commission requests. Any rationales advanced by the Staff are its own and are not acquiesced in or otherwise adopted by the other signatories hereto. The Staff's explanation shall not become part of the record of this proceeding and shall not bind or prejudice the Staff in any future proceeding. In the event the Commission does not approve this Stipulation and Agreement, the Staff's explanation shall not bind or prejudice the Staff or any other party in this proceeding.

WHEREFORE, the signatories respectfully request that the Commission issue an order that--

- 1. approves this Stipulation and Agreement, and
- 2. waives any deficiencies that may exist with the filing of the Company's three-, five- and seven-year modernization plans.

Respectfully submitted,

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