

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
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CASE NO: TD-2000-605

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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**

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Cancellation of the)
Certificate of Authority and Accompanying)
Tariff to Provide Intrastate Interexchange) Case No. TD-2000-605
Telecommunications Services of Tel-Span)
Communications, Inc.)

ORDER CANCELING CERTIFICATE

On March 7, 2000, the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) filed with the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) its motion to open a "docket" [sic]¹ and cancel the certificate of service authority and accompanying tariff of Tel-Span Communications, Inc. (Tel-Span).

Staff stated that the Commission had granted Tel-Span a certificate of service authority to provide intrastate interexchange telecommunications services in case number TA-94-140 on February 4, 1994². Staff stated that Tel-Span did not file an annual report for 1998. Staff stated that Tel-Span's 1999 annual report form was returned by the postal service as undeliverable. Staff stated that it contacted the Missouri Secretary of State's office and was informed that Tel-Span was administratively dissolved by the Missouri Secretary

¹ Docket ". . . in [American English] means 'a schedule of cases pending.' . . . Docket may be used as a verb in [American English]. E.g., 'The case was docketed and tried shortly thereafter.' /'Thereafter he has either 60 or 90 days in which to docket the case with the Supreme Court. . . .' Charles A. Wright, *The Law of Federal Courts* 755 (4th ed. 1983)." (Emphasis in original.) Bryan A. Garner, *A Dictionary of Modern Legal Usage* 289 (2nd ed. 1995). The individual cause is a "case", not a "docket."

² Staff misquotes the reference to Section 392.210, RSMo, as "392.310."

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of State on August 18, 1997, due to its failure to file an annual report.

Staff stated that Tel-Span has not filed a formal request to cancel its certificate. However, Staff believes that Tel-Span has violated the terms of its certificate by its failure to keep the Commission informed of its current address and telephone number and its failure to file annual reports.

Section 392.210, RSMo³, states, in part: "Every telecommunications company shall file with the commission an annual report . . . covering the yearly period fixed by the commission." Section 392.390.1, RSMo, states, in part: "[A telecommunications company shall file] annual reports with the commission as required by the commission and in a form and at times prescribed by the commission." In addition, the terms of the certificate also require Tel-Span to keep the Commission informed of its current address and telephone number.

Staff stated that the Commission has the authority to cancel a telecommunications corporation certificate pursuant to Section 392.410.5, RSMo Supp. 1999, which states, in part: "Any certificate of service authority may be altered or modified by the commission after notice and hearing, upon its own motion or upon application of the person or company affected."

The requirement for a hearing is met when the opportunity for hearing has been provided and no proper party has requested the

³ All references herein to sections of the Revised Statutes of Missouri (RSMo), unless otherwise specified, are to the revision of 1994.

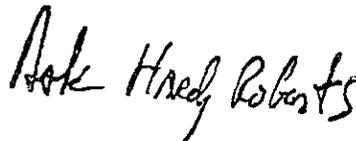
opportunity to present evidence. State ex rel. Rex Deffenderfer Enterprises, Inc. v. Public Service Commission, 776 S.W.2d 494, 496 (Mo. App. 1989). Since no one has requested a hearing in this case, the Commission may grant the relief requested based on the application.

The Commission has reviewed the application and the official file and finds that the certificate of service authority granted to Tel-Span in case number TA-94-140 shall be canceled.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the certificate of authority and tariffs granted in case number TA-94-140 to Tel-Span Communications, Inc., shall be canceled on April 21, 2000.
2. That this order shall become effective on April 21, 2000.
3. That this case may be closed on April 24, 2000.

BY THE COMMISSION



**Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge**

(S E A L)

Keith Thornburg, 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 11th day of April, 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 11th day of April 2000.



Dale Hardy Roberts

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Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge