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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of United)
Communications HUB, Inc., for a Certificate)
of Service Authority to Provide Competitive)
Intrastate Interexchange Telecommunications)
Services Within the State of Missouri.)

Case No. TA-2000-499
Tariff No. 200000744

ORDER APPROVING INTEREXCHANGE CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE AUTHORITY
AND ORDER APPROVING TARIFF

United Communications HUB, Inc. (United), applied to the Public Service Commission on February 17, 2000, for a certificate of service authority to provide intrastate interexchange telecommunications services in Missouri under Section 392.440, RSMo 1994¹. United asked the Commission to classify it as a competitive company and waive certain statutes and rules as authorized by Sections 392.361 and 392.420. United is a California corporation, with its principal office located at 225 South Lake Avenue, Suite 705, Pasadena, California 91106.

The Commission issued a Notice of Applications for Intrastate Certificates of Service Authority and Opportunity to Intervene on February 22, 2000, directing parties wishing to intervene to file their requests by March 8, 2000. The requirement for a hearing is met when the opportunity for hearing has been provided and no proper party has requested the opportunity to present evidence. State ex rel. Rex Deffenderfer Enterprises, Inc. v. Public Service Commission,

¹ All statutory references are to the Revised States of Missouri 1994 unless otherwise indicated.

776 S.W.2d 494, 496 (Mo. App. 1989). Since no one has asked permission to intervene or requested a hearing, the Commission may grant the relief requested based on the application.

United filed a proposed tariff in conjunction with its application and filed substitute sheets on March 24, 2000, March 31, 2000, and April 14, 2000. The tariff's effective date is May 3, 2000, extended from April 3, 2000, and April 17, 2000. United's tariff describes the rates, rules, and regulations it intends to use, identifies United as a competitive company, and lists the waivers requested. United intends to provide interexchange telecommunications services including 1+, 800/888/877 Services, Directory Assistance, Private Line and Travel Card services.

In its Memorandum filed on April 19, 2000, the Staff of the Commission (Staff) recommended that the Commission grant United a certificate of service authority, competitive status, and waiver of the statutes and rules listed in the Notice. Staff recommended that the Commission approve the proposed tariff as amended to become effective on May 3, 2000.

The Commission finds that competition in the intrastate interexchange telecommunications market is in the public interest and United should be granted a certificate of service authority. The Commission finds that the services United proposes to offer are competitive and United should be classified as a competitive company. The Commission finds that waiving the statutes and Commission rules set out in the ordered paragraph below is reasonable and not detrimental to the public interest.

) The Commission finds that United's proposed tariff details the services, equipment, and pricing it proposes to offer. The Commission finds that the proposed tariff filed on February 17, 2000, shall be approved as amended to become effective on May 3, 2000.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That United Communications HUB, Inc., is granted a certificate of service authority to provide intrastate interexchange telecommunications services in the state of Missouri, subject to all applicable statutes and Commission rules except as specified in this order.

2. That United Communications HUB, Inc., is classified as a competitive telecommunications company. Application of the following statutes and regulatory rules shall be waived:

Statutes

392.240(1) - ratemaking
392.270 - valuation of property (ratemaking)
392.280 - depreciation accounts
392.290 - issuance of securities
392.310 - stock and debt issuance
392.320 - stock dividend payment
392.340 - reorganization(s)
392.330, RSMo Supp. 1999 - issuance of securities,
debts and notes

Commission Rules

4 CSR 240-10.020 - depreciation fund income
4 CSR 240-30.010(2)(C) - rate schedules
4 CSR 240-30.040 - Uniform System of Accounts
4 CSR 240-32.030(2) - in-state record-keeping
4 CSR 240-32.030(4)(A)2 - record-keeping
4 CSR 240-32.030(4)(C) - exchange boundary maps
4 CSR 240-32.050(3) - local office record-keeping
4 CSR 240-32.050(4) - telephone directories
4 CSR 240-32.050(5) - call intercept
4 CSR 240-32.050(6) - telephone number changes

- 4 CSR 240-32.070(4) - public coin telephone
- 4 CSR 240-33.030 - minimum charges rule
- 4 CSR 240-33.040(5) - financing fees

3. That the tariff filed by United Communications HUB, Inc. on February 17, 2000, and assigned Tariff File No. 200000744, is approved as amended to become effective on May 3, 2000. The tariff approved is:

Missouri P.S.C. Tariff No. 1
Original Sheet No. 1 through Original Sheet No. 31

- 4. That this order shall become effective on May 3, 2000.
- 5. That this case may be closed on May 4, 2000.

BY THE COMMISSION



Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

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Vicky Ruth, 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 24th day of April, 2000.