STATE OF MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

At a Session of the Public Service Commission held at its office in Jefferson City on the 22nd day of May, 1996.

In the Matter of the Application)
of CFW Communications Services, Inc.)
for a Certificate of Authority to) CASE NO. TA-96-316
Provide Competitive Intrastate Tele-)
communications Services within the)
State of Missouri.)

ORDER APPROVING INTEREXCHANGE CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE AUTHORITY AND ORDER APPROVING TARIFF

CFW Communications Services Inc. (CFW) applied to the Public Service Commission on March 19, 1996, for a certificate of service authority to provide intrastate interexchange telecommunications services in Missouri under § 392.440 RSMO 1994¹. CFW asked the Commission to classify it as a competitive company and waive certain statutes and rules as authorized by §§ 392.361 and 392.420. Applicant is a Virginia corporation, with its principal office at 401 Spring Lane, Suite 300, Waynesboro, Virginia 22980.

The Commission issued a Notice and Schedule of Applicants on April 2, 1996, directing parties wishing to intervene in the case to do so by April 17, 1996. Since no one requested a hearing or permission to intervene, the Commission determines that no hearing is necessary. State ex rel. Rex Deffenderfer

¹All statutory references are to Revised Statutes of Missouri 1994.

Enterprises, Inc. v. Public Service Commission, 776 S.W.2d 494, 496 (Mo.App. 1989).

CFW filed a proposed tariff at the time of its application, on March 19, 1996, and filed substitute sheets on May 10, 1996. The tariff's effective date was originally May 3, 1996, but the effective date was subsequently extended to May 23, 1996 on April 24, 1996. CFW's tariff describes the rates, rules, and regulations it intends to use, identifies CFW as a competitive company, and lists the waivers requested. CFW intends to provide interexchange telecommunications services including debit card services.

In its Memorandum filed May 14, 1996, the Staff of the Commission stated that Applicant's proposed services are the same or equivalent to those classified as competitive in Case No. TO-88-142, In re the investigation for the purpose of determining the classification of the services provided by interexchange telecommunications companies within the State of Missouri, 30 Mo. P.S.C. (N.S.) 16 (September 1989). Staff recommended that the Commission grant Applicant a certificate of service authority, competitive status, and waiver of the statutes and rules listed in the Notice. Staff also stated that Applicant requested a waiver of 4 CSR 240-30.060(5)(B), minimum filing requirements. Staff explained that this rule has been rescinded by the Commission, and thus no waiver is necessary. Staff recommended that the Commission approve the tariff as amended, effective May 23, 1996.

The Commission finds that competition in the intrastate interexchange telecommunications market is in the public interest and Applicant should be granted a certificate of service authority. The Commission finds that the services Applicant proposes to offer are competitive and Applicant should be classified as a competitive company. The Commission is of the opinion that

waiving the statutes and Commission rules set out in Ordered Paragraph 2 is reasonable and not detrimental to the public interest.

The Commission determines, by authority of § 392.470, that Applicant should comply with the following regulatory requirements as reasonable and necessary conditions of certification:

- (1) Applicant must comply with reasonable requests by Staff for financial and operating data to allow Staff to monitor the intraLATA toll market. § 386.320.3.
- (2) Applicant must file tariffs containing rules and regulations applicable to customers, a description of the services provided, and a list of rates associated with those services in accordance with 4 CSR 240-30.010 and § 392.220.
- (3) Applicant may not unjustly discriminate between its customers. §§ 392.200, 392.400.
- (4) Applicant must comply with all applicable rules of the Commission except those specifically waived by this order. §§ 386.570, 392.360.
- (5) Applicant must file a Missouri-specific annual report. §§ 392.210, 392.390.1.
- (6) Applicant must comply with jurisdictional reporting requirements as set out in each local exchange company's access services tariffs. § 392.390.3.
- (7) Applicant must submit to the staff, on a confidential basis, a copy of the jurisdictional report it submits to local exchange companies. The report must be submitted within ten (10) days of the date on which it is submitted to the local exchange company.

The Commission finds that CFW's proposed tariff details the services, equipment, and pricing it proposes to offer, and is similar to tariffs approved for other Missouri certificated interexchange carriers. The Commission finds that the proposed tariff filed on March 19, 1996, and amended on May 10, 1996, should be approved, effective May 23, 1996.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

- 1. That CFW Communications Services Inc. be granted a certificate of service authority to provide intrastate interexchange telecommunications services in the state of Missouri, subject to the conditions of certification set out above.
- 2. That CFW Communications Services Inc. be classified as a competitive telecommunications company. 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
392.330	- issuance of securities, debts and notes
392.340	reorganization(s)

Commission_Rules

4	CSR 240-10.020	 depreciation fund income 	
4	CSR 240-30.010(2)(C)	- rate schedules	
4	CSR 240-30.040(1)	- Uniform System of Accounts	
4	CSR 240-30.040(2)	- Uniform System of Accounts	
4	CSR 240-30.040(3)	- Uniform System of Accounts	
4	CSR 240-30.040(5)	- Uniform System of Accounts	
4	CSR 240-30.040(6)	- Uniform System of Accounts	
4	CSR 240-32.030(1)(B)	- exchange boundary maps	
4	CSR 240-32.030(1)(C)	 record keeping 	
4	CSR 240-32.030(2)	 in-state record keeping 	
4	CSR 240-32.050(3)	- local office record keeping	ſ

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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
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3. That the tariff filed by CFW Communications Services Inc. on March 19, 1996, be approved as amended, effective May 23, 1996. The tariff approved is:

P.S.C. Mo. No. 1

4. That this order shall become effective on May 23, 1996.

BY THE COMMISSION

(SEAL)

David Rauch Executive Secretary

Zobrist, Chm., McClure, Crumpton and Drainer, CC., Concur. Kincheloe, CC., Absent

ALJ: Bensavage