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**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**  
**OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

In the Matter of the Application of REN-TEL )  
Communications, Inc. for a Certificate of Service ) Case No. TA-98-324  
Authority to Provide Basic Local Telecommunica- )  
tions Service in Portions of the State of Missouri. )  
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**ORDER AND NOTICE**

REN-TEL Communications, Inc. (REN-TEL) filed an application on February 2, 1998, for a certificate of service authority to provide basic local telecommunications service in the State of Missouri under 4 CSR 240-2.060(4). Specifically, REN-TEL wishes to provide resold services in all the exchanges currently served by Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, GTE Midwest Incorporated, and Sprint Missouri, Inc. REN-TEL asked to be classified as a competitive company and receive a lesser degree of regulation as permitted by Sections 392.361 and 392.420, RSMo.<sup>1</sup> REN-TEL requested a temporary waiver of 4 CSR 240-2.060(4)(H) that requires an applicant to file a tariff simultaneously with its application until it has executed interconnection agreements with the underlying CLECs and those agreements have been approved by the Commission. Finally, REN-TEL requested waiver of the following statutes and Commission rules:

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<sup>1</sup> All statutory references are to the Revised Statutes of Missouri 1994 unless otherwise indicated.

Statutes

392.210.2  
392.270  
392.280  
392.290.1  
392.300.2  
392.310  
392.320  
392.330  
392.340

Commission Rules

4 CSR 240-10.020  
4 CSR 240-30.040  
4 CSR 240-35

The Commission finds that notice of this application should be sent to all certificated Missouri telecommunications companies, and that interested parties should have the opportunity to intervene. Applications to intervene should be submitted by March 9, 1998, to the Secretary of the Missouri Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 360, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102, and copies sent to:

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If no one requests a hearing, the Commission may determine that no hearing is necessary and grant the authority requested based on the verified petition. State ex rel. Rex Deffenderfer Enterprises, Inc. v. Public Service Commission, 776 S.W.2d 494, 496 (Mo. App. 1989).

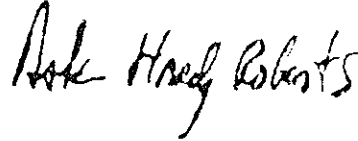
**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. That the Records Department of the Commission shall send notice of this application to all certificated Missouri telecommunications companies.

2. That parties wishing to intervene shall file an application to intervene no later than March 9, 1998.

3. That this order shall become effective on February 6, 1998.

BY THE COMMISSION



Dale Hardy Roberts  
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

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Kevin F. Hennessey, 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 6th day of February, 1998.

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