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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of Tel-Link,)
L.L.C., for a Certificate of Service Authority)
to Provide Basic Local Telecommunications Service) Case No. TA-98-176
in the State of Missouri and to Classify Said)
Services and the Company as Competitive.)
)

ORDER AND NOTICE

Tel-Link, L.L.C. (Tel-Link) filed an application on October 24, 1997, 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, Tel-Link wishes to provide prepaid resold services in all the exchanges currently served by Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, GTE Midwest Incorporated, and United Telephone Company of Missouri, d/b/a Sprint. Tel-Link 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.¹ Tel-Link submitted an illustrative tariff but requested a temporary waiver of 4 CSR 240-2.060(4)(H) that requires an applicant to file a 45-day tariff simultaneously with its application. Tel-Link has not yet executed approved interconnection agreements with the underlying incumbent local exchange carriers. Finally, Tel-Link requested waiver of the following statutes and Commission rules:

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

Statutes

Commission Rules

392.210.2
392.270
392.280
392.290.1
392.300.2
392.320
392.330
392.340

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

Tel-Link alleged that its team possesses the technical and managerial expertise necessary to provide the proposed services, but provided no supporting documentation. Tel-Link also failed to identify each exchange or wire center in which it proposes to offer services. The Commission will require Tel-Link to provide the necessary documentation.

The Commission finds that notice of this application should be sent to the same companies that receive notice of applications for interexchange service authority, and that interested parties should have the opportunity to intervene. Applications to intervene should be submitted by December 8, 1997, to the Executive Secretary of the Missouri Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 360, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102, and copies sent to:

Martin M. Green
Green, Schaaf & Margo, P.C.
Suite 700, Pierre Laclede Center
7733 Forsyth Boulevard
Clayton, Missouri 63105

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 as described above.

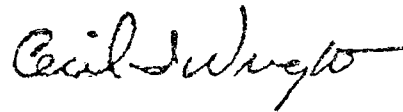
2. That parties wishing to intervene shall file an application to intervene no later than December 8, 1997.

3. That Tel-Link, L.L.C. shall submit verified documentation to support its claim of technical and managerial expertise no later than December 1, 1997.

4. That Tel-Link, L.L.C. shall submit a list of the exchanges or wire centers in which it proposes to offer services no later than December 1, 1997.

5. That this order shall become effective on November 7, 1997.

BY THE COMMISSION



**Cecil I. Wright
Executive Secretary**

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L. Anne Wickliffe, Deputy Chief
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 7th day of November, 1997.