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# BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

## OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of	)	
TransNet Connect, Inc. for a Certificate	)	<u>Case No. TA-2000-55</u>
of Service Authority to Provide Inter-	)	Tariff No. 0000081
exchange Telecommunications Services.	)	

### ORDER APPROVING INTEREXCHANGE CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

#### AUTHORITY AND ORDER APPROVING TARIFF

TransNet Connect, Inc. (TransNet) applied to the Public Service Commission on July 27, 1999, for a certificate of service authority to provide intrastate interexchange telecommunications services in Missouri under Section 392.440, RSMo 1994<sup>1</sup>. TransNet 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. TransNet is a Florida corporation, with its principal office located at 1413 South Howard Avenue, Suite 209, Tampa, Florida 33606.

The Commission issued a Notice of Applications for Intrastate Certificates of Service Authority and Opportunity to Intervene on August 3, directing parties wishing to intervene to file their requests by August 18. 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,

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<sup>1</sup> All statutory references are to the Revised Statutes 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 verified application.

TransNet filed a proposed tariff in conjunction with its application with an effective date of September 10. TransNet's tariff describes the rates, rules, and regulations it intends to use, identifies TransNet as a competitive company, and lists the waivers requested. TransNet intends to provide interexchange telecommunications services including 1+ service, 800/888/877 services, Directory Assistance services, Debit Card services, and Travel Card services.

In its Memorandum filed on August 20, the Staff of the Public Service Commission (Staff) stated that TransNet's proposed services are similar to existing interexchange telecommunications offerings. Staff recommended that the Commission grant TransNet 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 to become effective on September 10.

The Commission finds that competition in the intrastate interexchange telecommunications market is in the public interest and TransNet should be granted a certificate of service authority. The Commission finds that the services TransNet proposes to offer are competitive and TransNet 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 TransNet'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 July 27 should be approved to become effective on September 10.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. That TransNet Connect, 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 TransNet Connect, 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. 1998 - 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(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

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 TransNet Connect, Inc. on July 27, 1999, and assigned Tariff File No. 0000081, is approved to become effective on September 10, 1999. The tariff approved is:

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4. That this order shall become effective on September 9, 1999.

5. That this case may be closed after September 10, 1999.

BY THE COMMISSION



Dale Hardy Roberts  
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

( S E A L )

Shelly A. Register, 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 30th day of August, 1999.

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