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

In the Matter of the Application of )  
Alma Long Distance, L.L.C. for a )  
Certificate of Service Authority to ) Case No. TA-2000-240  
Provide IntraLATA and InterLATA )  
Interexchange and Basic Interexchange )  
Telecommunications Services. )

**ORDER DIRECTING STAFF TO FILE RECOMMENDATION**

On September 17, 1999, Alma Long Distance, L.L.C. (ALD) filed an application with the Commission for a Certificate of Service Authority to provide intraLATA and interLATA interexchange and basic interexchange telecommunications services. ALD's application noted that it wished to assure that ALD is authorized to provide toll service immediately after termination of the PTC Plan. Therefore, ALD requested that its application and accompanying tariffs be approved and effective by October 5, 1999, so that the proposed modification to the intraLATA Toll Dialing Parity Implementation Plan of ALD's parent company, Alma Telephone Company, can be implemented by October 20.

On September 23, the Commission ordered its Staff to file a response no later than September 27, indicating whether or not it would be able to file, by October 4, a Staff recommendation regarding the application of ALD. On September 27, Staff filed its response to the Commission's Order. Staff indicated that it has already begun reviewing ALD's application and found that certain revisions would be required. Staff

indicated that if ALD files an Amended Application and revised tariff sheets by the end of the business day on September 28, Staff will be able to file a Staff recommendation by October 4.

Staff's response also points out that the Commission must provide notice of this application and an opportunity for intervention. On September 28, the Commission issued a Notice of Applications, establishing an intervention deadline of October 8, 1999 for this case. This intervention deadline will permit the Commission time to consider ALD's application prior to the October 21, effective date of ALD's tariff and the termination of the PTC plan on October 20. However, this intervention deadline will not permit the consideration of the application by October 5, as requested by ALD.

The Commission will direct Staff to file its recommendation regarding ALD's application no later than October 4. Staff's filing shall include Staff's recommendation with regard to whether the Commission should issue a temporary certificate of authority to ALD on October 5, pending the outcome of any possible requests for intervention, or whether the Commission should wait until after the intervention deadline to consider ALD's application. If ALD wishes to request the issuance of a temporary certificate of authority, it may, prior to October 4, file a request for such a certificate.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. That the Staff of the Public Service Commission shall file, by October 4, 1999, a Staff recommendation regarding the application of Alma Long Distance L.L.C. for a Certificate of Service Authority.

2. That this order shall become effective on October 4, 1999.

**BY THE COMMISSION**



**Dale Hardy Roberts**  
**Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge**

(S E A L)

Morris L. Woodruff, 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 29th day of September, 1999.

**R E C E I V E D**

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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION