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**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a Session of the Public Service
Commission held at its office
in Jefferson City on the 26th
day of May, 1998.

In the Matter of the Joint Application)
of McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services,)
Inc. and Consolidated Communications)
Telecom Services Inc. for Approval of)
Merger.)

Case No. TM-98-300

ORDER DIRECTING THE FILING OF A SUPPLEMENTAL STAFF RECOMMENDATION

On January 20, 1998, McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, Inc.
(McLeodUSA Telecom) and Consolidated Communications Telecom Services Inc.
(CCTS) filed a joint application pursuant to Section 392.300, RSMo 1994,
seeking approval of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) for
the merger of CCTS with and into McLeodUSA Telecom, with McLeodUSA Telecom
as the surviving entity. The Staff of the Commission (Staff) filed a
memorandum containing its recommendations on April 3.

The Commission has reviewed the joint application, the attachments
thereto, and Staff's memorandum, and finds that it is in need of additional
information before it can issue an order disposing of this case.
Specifically, the Commission finds that it needs the following additional
information:

(1) How many Missouri customers of CCTS will be
affected by the merger with and into McLeodUSA Telecom?

(2) Is McLeodUSA Telecom proposing to grandfather the
services and rates of CCTS? If yes, for what period of
time will the services and rates be grandfathered? If
no, when would either the services or rates be expected
to change?

Staff's memorandum refers to an "attached letter from the applicants' attorney," but this letter was not in fact attached to the memorandum filed in the official case file. It may be that this letter answers some or all of the questions that the Commission has. In any event, the Commission will direct the Staff to file a supplemental recommendation within five working days of the date this order is issued.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the Staff of the Commission shall file a supplemental recommendation in compliance with the body of this order no later than June 1, 1998.

2. That this order shall become effective on June 5, 1998.

BY THE COMMISSION



Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

(S E A L)

Lumpe, Ch., Murray and Drainer, CC., concur.
Crumpton and Schemenauer, CC., absent.

Bensavage, Regulatory Law Judge

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