

STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

At a Session of the Public Service
Commission held at its office
in Jefferson City on the 19th
day of September, 1995.

Application of Tel-Central Communications)
Inc. for authorization as a reseller of) CASE NO. TA-96-34
interexchange telecommunications services)
in the state of Missouri.)

ORDER APPROVING INTEREXCHANGE CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE AUTHORITY AND
ORDER APPROVING TARIFF

Tel-Central Communications, Inc. (Tel-Central) applied to the Public Service Commission on August 3, 1995, for a certificate of service authority to provide intrastate interexchange telecommunications services in Missouri under § 392.440 RSMo 1994¹. Tel-Central asked the Commission to classify it as a competitive company and waive certain statutes and rules as authorized by §§ 392.361 and 392.420. Applicant is a Missouri corporation, with its principal office at 130 East High Street, Jefferson City, Missouri 65101.

The Commission issued a Notice and Schedule of Applicants on August 15, 1995, directing parties wishing to intervene in the case to do so by August 30, 1995. Since no one requested a hearing or permission to intervene, the Commission determines that no hearing is necessary. *State ex rel. Rex Deffenderfer Enterprises, Inc. v. Public Service Commission*, 776 S.W.2d 494, 496 (Mo.App. 1989).

Tel-Central filed a proposed tariff at the time of its application, on August 3, 1995, and filed substitute sheets on August 7,

¹All statutory references are to Revised Statutes of Missouri 1994.

1995, and August 31, 1995. The tariff's original effective date was September 19, 1995. On September 18, 1995, Tel-Central extended the effective date of its tariff to October 19, 1995. Tel-Central's tariff describes the rates, rules, and regulations it intends to use, identifies Tel-Central as a competitive company, and lists the waivers requested. Tel-Central intends to provide interexchange telecommunications services including 1+ and debit card services.

In its Memorandum filed September 11, 1995, the Staff of the Commission stated that Applicant's proposed services are the same or equivalent to those classified as competitive in Case No. TO-88-142, *In re the investigation for the purpose of determining the classification of the services provided by interexchange telecommunications companies within the State of Missouri*, 30 Mo. P.S.C. (N.S.) 16 (September 1989). Staff recommended that the Commission grant Applicant a certificate of service authority, competitive status, and waiver of the statutes and rules listed in the Notice. Staff also recommended that the Commission waive 4 CSR 240-33.040(5). In addition, Staff indicated that, by filing a substitute tariff sheet, Tel-Central has withdrawn its request for the waiver of 4 CSR 240-33.020 and 4 CSR 240-33.040(1). Staff recommended that the Commission approve the tariff as amended, effective September 19, 1995.

The Commission finds that competition in the intrastate interexchange telecommunications market is in the public interest and Applicant should be granted a certificate of service authority. The Commission finds that the services Applicant proposes to offer are competitive and Applicant should be classified as a competitive company. The Commission is of the opinion that waiving the statutes and Commission

rules set out in Ordered Paragraph 2 is reasonable and not detrimental to the public interest.

The Commission determines, by authority of § 392.470, that Applicant should comply with the following regulatory requirements as reasonable and necessary conditions of certification:

- (1) Applicant must comply with reasonable requests by Staff for financial and operating data to allow Staff to monitor the intraLATA toll market. § 386.320.3.
- (2) Applicant must file tariffs containing rules and regulations applicable to customers, a description of the services provided, and a list of rates associated with those services in accordance with 4 CSR 240-30.010 and § 392.220.
- (3) Applicant may not unjustly discriminate between its customers. §§ 392.200, 392.400.
- (4) Applicant must comply with all applicable rules of the Commission except those specifically waived by this order. §§ 386.570, 392.360.
- (5) Applicant must file a Missouri-specific annual report. §§ 392.210, 392.390.1.
- (6) Applicant must comply with jurisdictional reporting requirements as set out in each local exchange company's access services tariffs. § 392.390.3.
- (7) Applicant must submit to the staff, on a confidential basis, a copy of the jurisdictional report it submits to local exchange companies. The report must be submitted within ten (10) days of the date on which it is submitted to the local exchange company.

The Commission finds that Tel Central'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 August 3, 1995, and amended on August 7, 1995, and on August 31, 1995, should be approved, effective October 19, 1995.

Nevertheless, while the Commission finds it appropriate to grant to Tel-Central a certificate and approve its tariff, the Commission feels constrained to comment on events preceding the issuance of this Order. It has come to the attention of the Commission that Tel-Central has engaged in advertising which has held Tel-Central out to the public as being in business, prior to obtaining a certificate of service authority which would authorize it to provide telecommunications services in the state of Missouri. If Tel-Central has actually provided intrastate telecommunications services to customers prior to the date of this Order, it has been operating illegally. Tel-Central has stated in its verified application that "Applicant will comply with all orders and regulations of the Commission applicable to providers of resold telecommunications services." While the commission accords to competitive telecommunication companies less regulatory oversight, through, for example, the waiver of compliance with certain statutes and rules, Tel-Central is reminded that it must comply with Commission procedure or risk the penalty provisions of §§ 386.570.1 and 392.360, RSMo 1994.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That Tel-Central Communications, Inc. be granted a certificate of service authority to provide intrastate interexchange

telecommunications services in the state of Missouri, subject to the conditions of certification set out above.

2. That Tel-Central Communications, Inc. be classified as a competitive telecommunications company. 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
392.330	- issuance of securities, debts and notes
392.340	- reorganization(s)

Commission Rules

4 CSR 240-10.020	- depreciation fund income
4 CSR 240-30.010(2)(C)	- rate schedules
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 fee

3. That the tariff filed by Tel-Central Communications, Inc. on August 3, 1995, be approved as amended, effective October 19, 1995. The tariff approved is:

P.S.C. Mo. No. 1.

4. That this order shall become effective on October 19,
1995.

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "David L. Rauch".

David L. Rauch
Executive Secretary

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Mueller, Chm., McClure, Kincheloe,
Crumpton, and Drainer, CC., Concur.