

STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

At a Session of the Public Service
Commission held at its office
in Jefferson City on the 25th
day of January, 1996. •

In the matter of the application)
of Comdata Telecommunications)
Services, Inc. for a certificate)
of service authority to provide) CASE NO. TA-96-173
resale of intrastate inter-)
exchange telecommunications)
service in the state of)
Missouri.)

ORDER APPROVING INTEREXCHANGE CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE AUTHORITY AND
ORDER APPROVING TARIFF

Comdata Telecommunications Services, Inc. (Comdata) applied to the Public Service Commission on November 22, 1995, for a certificate of service authority to provide intrastate interexchange telecommunications services in Missouri under § 392.440 RSMo 1994¹. Comdata 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 Delaware corporation, with its principal office at 530 Maryland Way, Brentwood, Tennessee 37027.

The Commission issued a Notice and Schedule of Applicants on December 5, 1995, directing parties wishing to intervene in the case to do so by December 20, 1995. Since no one requested a hearing or permission

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

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).

Comdata filed a proposed tariff at the time of its application, on November 22, 1995, and filed substitute sheets on January 4, 1996. The tariff's effective date was originally January 12, 1996, but the effective date was subsequently extended to January 20, 1996 on January 8, 1996, and again extended to January 27, 1996 on January 17, 1996. Comdata's tariff describes the rates, rules, and regulations it intends to use, identifies Comdata as a competitive company, and lists the waivers requested. Comdata intends to provide interexchange telecommunications services including 1+, 800, operator, private line, debit card, and travel card services.

In its Amended Memorandum filed January 22, 1996, 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.

Comdata also requested waiver of 4 CSR 240-2.060(2)(A)(7), which required telephone corporations seeking a certificate to submit a plat drawn to a scale of one-half inch ($\frac{1}{2}$ ") to the mile on maps comparable

to county highway maps issued by the Missouri Highway and Transportation Commission or a plat drawn to a scale of two thousand feet (2000') to the inch. This rule was in effect at the time of Comdata's application. However, the Commission replaced Chapter 2 of its rules with new rules, which became effective on November 30, 1995. The plat submission requirement is now found at 4 CSR 240-2.060(2)(F)(4), and no longer applies to telephone corporations. The filing requirements for applications for a certificate of service authority to provide interexchange telecommunications service are now found at 4 CSR 240-2.060(4) instead. Staff suggested that rather than waive the rule, which gives the mistaken impression that the rule is applicable to any interexchange carrier unless a waiver is granted, the Commission instead simply address the Applicant's request for a waiver of this rule by stating that the rule is not applicable to interexchange carriers under the new Chapter 2 rules. Staff also recommended that the Commission approve the tariff as amended, effective January 27, 1996.

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 is also of the opinion that waiver of

4 CSR 240-2.060(2)(A)(7) is unnecessary, as the Commission does not apply the plat submission requirement with respect to interexchange carriers since their service is statewide.

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 Comdata'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 November 22, 1995, and amended on January 4, 1996, should be approved, effective January 27, 1996.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That Comdata Telecommunications Services, 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 Comdata Telecommunications Services, 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

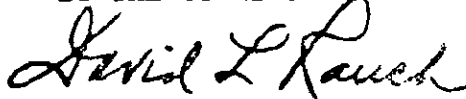
4 CSR 240-10.020	- depreciation fund income
4 CSR 240-30.010(2) (C)	- rate schedules
4 CSR 240-30.040(1)	- Uniform System of Accounts
4 CSR 240-30.040(2)	- Uniform System of Accounts
4 CSR 240-30.040(3)	- Uniform System of Accounts
4 CSR 240-30.040(5)	- Uniform System of Accounts
4 CSR 240-30.040(6)	- 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 Comdata Telecommunications Services, Inc. on November 22, 1995, be approved as amended, effective January 27, 1996. The tariff approved is:

P.S.C. Mo. No. 1

4. That this order shall become effective on January 27, 1996.

BY THE COMMISSION



David Rauch
Executive Secretary

(SEAL)

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