

STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

At a Session of the Public Service
Commission held at its office
in Jefferson City on the 21st
day of May, 1996.

Application of Business Options, Inc.)
for Authorization as a Reseller of) CASE NO. TA-96-321
Intrastate Interexchange Telecommuni-)
cations Service.)

ORDER APPROVING INTEREXCHANGE CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE AUTHORITY AND
ORDER APPROVING TARIFF

Business Options, Inc. (BOI) applied to the Public Service Commission on March 29, 1996, for a certificate of service authority to provide intrastate interexchange telecommunications services in Missouri under § 392.440 RSMo 1994¹. BOI asked the Commission to classify it as a competitive company and to waive certain statutes and rules as authorized by §§ 392.361 and 392.420. Applicant is a Illinois corporation, with its principal office at 2301 172nd Street, Suite 101, Lansing, Illinois 60438.

The Commission issued a Notice and Schedule of Applicants on April 2, 1996, directing parties wishing to intervene in the case to do so by April 17, 1996. 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).

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

BOI filed a proposed tariff at the time of its application, on March 29, 1996, and filed substitute sheets on May 9, 1996. The tariff's effective date was originally May 13, 1996, but the effective date was subsequently extended to May 27, 1996 on May 2, 1996. BOI's tariff describes the rates, rules, and regulations it intends to use, identifies BOI as a competitive company, and lists the waivers requested. BOI intends to provide interexchange telecommunications services including 1+, 800, private line, calling card, and directory assistance services.

In its Memorandum filed May 13, 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. Staff recommended that the Commission approve the tariff as amended, effective May 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 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 BOI'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 March 29, 1996, and amended on May 9, 1996, should be approved, effective May 27, 1996.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That Business Options, 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 Business Options, 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

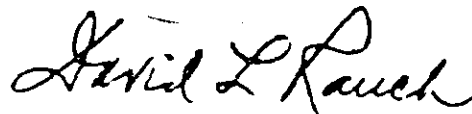
4 CSR 240-10.020	- depreciation fund income
4 CSR 240-30.010(2)(C)	- rate schedules
4 CSR 240-30.040(1)	- Uniform System of Accounts
4 CSR 240-30.040(2)	- Uniform System of Accounts
4 CSR 240-30.040(3)	- Uniform System of Accounts
4 CSR 240-30.040(5)	- Uniform System of Accounts
4 CSR 240-30.040(6)	- 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 Business Options, Inc. on March 29, 1996, be approved as amended, effective May 27, 1996. The tariff approved is:

P.S.C. Mo. No. 1

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

BY THE COMMISSION



David Rauch
Executive Secretary

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

ALJ: Bensavage