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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of)
Northeast Missouri Long Distance, L.L.C.)
for a Certificate of Service Authority to) Case No. TA-2000-242
Provide IntraLATA and InterLATA)
Interexchange and Basic Interexchange)
Telecommunications Services.)

ORDER DIRECTING STAFF TO FILE RECOMMENDATION

On September 20, 1999, Northeast Missouri Long Distance, L.L.C. (NELD) filed an application with the Commission for a Certificate of Service Authority to provide intraLATA and interLATA interexchange and basic interexchange telecommunications services. NELD's application noted that it wished to assure that NELD is authorized to provide toll service immediately after termination of the PTC Plan. Therefore, NELD 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 Plans of NELD's parent company, Northeast Missouri Rural Telephone Company, and its affiliate, Modern Telecommunications 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 NELD. On September 27, Staff filed its response to the Commission's Order. Staff indicated that it has already begun reviewing NELD's

application and found that certain revisions would be required. Staff indicated that if NELD 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 NELD's application prior to the October 21, effective date of NELD'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 NELD.

The Commission will direct Staff to file its recommendation regarding NELD'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 NELD 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 NELD's application. If NELD 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

Northeast Missouri 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

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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.

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