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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 3rd day of February, 1999.

In the Matter of the Application of Startec	)	
bal Licensing Company, for a Certificate	)	
of Service Authority to Provide Competitive	)	Case No. TA-99-226
Intrastate Interexchange Telecommunications	)	Tariff No. 9900399
Services Within the State of Missouri	ì	

# ORDER APPROVING INTEREXCHANGE CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE AUTHORITY AND ORDER APPROVING TARIFF

Startec Global Licensing Company, Inc. (SGLC) applied to the Public Service Commission on November 18, 1998 for a certificate of service authority to provide intrastate interexchange and in Missouri under Section 392.410-.450, RSMo 1994, and RSMo Supp. 1997<sup>1</sup>. SGLC asked the Commission to classify it as a competitive company and waive certain statutes and rules as authorized by Sections 392.361 and 392.420. SGLC is a Georgia corporation, with its principal office located at 2671 Centerville Highway, Snellville, Georgia 30078.

The Commission issued a Notice of Application and Opportunity to Intervene on January 5, 1999, directing parties wishing to intervene to file their requests by January 20, 1999. The requirement for a hearing is met when the opportunity for hearing has been provided and no proper party has requested the opportunity to present

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> All further statutory references are to the Revised Statutes of Missouri 1994 unless otherwise indicated.

evidence. State ex rel. Rex Deffenderfer Enterprises, Inc. v. Public Service Commission, 776 S.W.2d 494, 496 (Mo. App. 1989). Since no one has asked permission to intervene or requested a hearing, the Commission may grant the relief requested based on the verified application.

SGLC filed a proposed tariff in conjunction with its application and filed substitute sheets on January 25, 1999. The tariff's effective date is February 13, 1999. SGLC's tariff describes the rates, rules, and regulations it intends to use, identifies SGLC as a competitive company, and lists the waivers requested. SGLC intends to provide interexchange telecommunications services including 1+ dialing, operator services, debit card services.

In its Memorandum filed on January 26, 1999, the Staff of the Commission stated that SGLC's proposed services are similar to existing IXC offerings. Staff recommended that the Commission grant SGLC a certificate of interexchange service authority. Staff recommended that the Commission grant SGLC competitive status, and waiver of the statutes and rules listed in the Notice. Staff recommended that the Commission approve the proposed tariff as amended to become effective on February 13, 1999.

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

set out in the ordered paragraph below is reasonable and not detrimental to the public interest.

The Commission finds that SGLC'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 18, 1998 and as substituted on January 19, 1999, shall be approved as amended to become effective on February 13, 1999.

### IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

- 1. That Startec Global Licensing Company, Inc. is 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 Startec Global Licensing Company, Inc. is classified as a competitive telecommunications company. Application of 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
392.340 - reorganization(s)
392.330, RSMo Supp. 1997 - issuance of securities, debts and notes

#### Commission Rules

4 CSR 240-10.020 - depreciation fund income 4 CSR 240-30.010(2)(C) - rate schedules 4 CSR 240-30.040 - 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 - local office record-keeping 4 CSR 240-32.050(3) 4 CSR 240-32,050(4) - telephone directories - call intercept 4 CSR 240-32.050(5) 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 Startec Global Licensing Company, Inc. on November 18, 1998 is approved as amended by the substitute filing on January 25, 1999, to become effective on February 13, 1999. The tariff approved is:

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- 4. That this order shall become effective on February 13, 1999.
  - 5. That this case may be closed on February 14, 1999.

BY THE COMMISSION

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Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

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

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COMMISSION COUNSEL: PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Bill Hopkins, Senior Regulatory Law Judge