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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 December, 1998.

In the Matter of Sterling International Funding, Inc. d/b/a/ RECONEX to Change Corporate Name to 1-800-RECONEX, Inc.)
) Case No. TO-99-177
) (Tariff File 9900323)

ORDER SUSPENDING TARIFF AND ORDER REGARDING APPLICATION

Sterling International Funding, Inc. (Sterling) filed a letter on October 22, 1998, requesting that the Commission accept the letter as a request to change the corporation's name from Sterling International Funding, Inc. to 1-800-RECONEX, Inc. (RECONEX). Sterling attached a Certificate of Authority from the Missouri Secretary of State's Office, and a replacement tariff reflecting the name change. The original effective date of the tariff was November 21; Sterling later extended the tariff effective date to December 5. Sterling also provided a copy of a certificate from the State of Oregon regarding the Articles of Incorporation of 1-800-RECONEX, Inc.

Upon review of the documents provided by Sterling, the Commission determined that although Sterling asked for only a name change, it appears that Sterling has actually been involved in a merger. Under Section 392.300, RSMo 1994, no telecommunications company shall merge with any other corporation without having first secured from the Commission an order authorizing it to do so. Sterling has not complied with this statutory requirement.

Therefore, the Commission will suspend the tariff sheets for 120 days to give Sterling an opportunity to file a proper pleading regarding the apparent merger.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the effective date of the following tariff sheets submitted on October 22, 1998, is suspended for 120 days, until March 22, 1999, or until otherwise ordered by this Commission:

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2. That this order become effective on December 5, 1998.

BY THE COMMISSION



Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

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

Ruth, Regulatory Law Judge

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