STATE OF MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

At a Session of the Public Service Commission held at its office in Jefferson City on the 5th day of November, 1996.

In the Matter of the Joint Application for)	
Authority for Affinity Fund, Inc. to Merge)	
into and with Affinity Corporation and to)	CASE NO. TM-96-391
Transfer Certificate of Service Authority)	
From Affinity Fund to Affinity Corporation.)	

ORDER APPROVING TARIFF IN COMPLIANCE WITH PRIOR COMMISSION ORDER

The Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) issued an Order Approving Merger in this case on September 27, 1996, authorizing the merger of Affinity Fund, Inc. (Affinity Fund) with and into Affinity Corporation (Affinity), with Affinity as the surviving entity. As part of its order, the Commission directed Affinity to file a 30-day tariff within 30 days of the effective date of the Commission's order. The Commission also indicated that, effective simultaneously with the effective date of the tariff required to be filed and approved, the certificate of service authority currently granted to Affinity Fund would be transferred to Affinity, and the existing tariff of Affinity Fund would be canceled. On October 7, 1996, Affinity filed a proposed tariff as directed by the Commission's order. The proposed tariff bears an effective date of November 8, 1996.

The Staff of the Commission (Staff) filed a memorandum containing its recommendation on October 25, 1996. Staff states that it has reviewed Affinity's proposed tariff and verified Affinity's commitment to incorporate all of the existing services of Affinity Fund into its

tariff. Staff notes that Affinity's proposal includes an increase in the Travel Card Service surcharge from the existing rate of \$.25 per call to \$.40 per domestic call, and \$1.25 per international call which originates domestically. In addition, Affinity is also proposing to eliminate the directory assistance charge of \$.30 per intrastate inquiry. Staff indicates that the proposed increase in the Travel Card service was reflected in the Commission's Order Approving Merger issued on September 27, 1996. Staff also notes that the Commission's Order Approving Merger indicated that the Commission's approval of the merger and the transfer of Affinity Fund's certificate of service authority to Affinity should become effective simultaneously with the effective date of Affinity's proposed tariff. Staff therefore recommends that the Commission issue an order approving the tariff effective November 8, 1996.

The Commission has reviewed its original Order Approving Merger issued on September 27, 1996, the tariff and Articles of Merger filed by Affinity, and Staff's recommendation, and finds that Affinity is in compliance with the Commission's order. The Commission finds that Staff's recommendation is appropriate, and that the tariff filing and the rates subsumed under the tariff filing are just and reasonable. The Commission thus finds that it would be appropriate to approve the tariff filed by Affinity effective November 8, 1996.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

- That the tariff filed by Affinity Corporation on October 7,
 is hereby approved to become effective November 8, 1996:
- Affinity Corporation P.S.C. MO. No. 1
- Original Sheets No. 1 through 24.
- 2. That the certificate of convenience and necessity previously granted to Affinity Fund, Inc. on January 14, 1992 in Case No.

TA-92-12 is hereby transferred to Affinity Corporation, effective November 8, 1996.

- 3. That the existing tariff of Affinity Fund, Inc. is hereby canceled, effective November 8, 1996.
 - 4. That this Order shall become effective on November 8, 1996.

BY THE COMMISSION

Cecil I. Wright Executive Secretary

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

ALJ: Bensavage