

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
JEFFERSON CITY**

June 20, 2000

CASE NO: TD-2000-633

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Enclosed find certified copy of an ORDER in the above-numbered case(s).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dale Hardy Roberts". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a Session of the Public Service
Commission held at its office
in Jefferson City on the 20th
day of June, 2000.

In the Matter of the Request of Afford-A-Call,)
Inc. for Cancellation of the Certificate of)
Service Authority to Provide Private Pay) Case No. TD-2000-633
Telephone Service within the State of Missouri)

ORDER CANCELING PAYPHONE CERTIFICATE

On April 10, 2000, Afford-A-Call, Inc. (Afford) filed a letter, asking the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) to cancel its certificate of authority to provide private pay telephone service in the state of Missouri. The Commission granted Afford a certificate of authority as a provider of coin operated consumer telephone services in case number TA-95-399 on June 28, 1995.

Afford stated that as of April 1, 2000, it had sold its "payphone route...installed phones and ANIs" to Joltran Communications Corporation of Saint Louis, Missouri.

Section 392.300(1), RSMo 1994, states, in part, that no telecommunications company may sell any part of its system without a Commission order. Thus, on April 19, 2000, the Commission directed its Staff to investigate and file a report and recommendation concerning Afford's request to cancel its certificate and the purported transfer of its facilities.

On May 30, 2000, the Staff filed its recommendation. Staff stated that although Afford sold telecommunications assets without having first secured Commission authority, it would serve little purpose to require it to file an application seeking approval since it has requested cancellation of its certificate. Thus, Staff recommended that the Commission order Afford's certificate canceled but that the Commission should take no action regarding its failure to file an application to transfer its assets.

Section 392.410(5), RSMo states, in part: "...Any certificate of service authority may be altered or modified by the commission after notice and hearing, upon its own motion or upon application of the person or company affected...."

The requirement of a hearing has been fulfilled when all those having a desire to be heard are offered an opportunity to be heard. If no proper party or governmental entity is granted intervention and neither the Commission's Staff nor the Office of the Public Counsel requests a hearing, the Commission may determine that a hearing is not necessary and that the Commission can decide the case on the basis of the application or the party's statements. See State ex rel. Rex Deffenderfer Enterprises, Inc. v. P.S.C., 776 S.W.2d 494, 496 (Mo. App. 1989).

The Commission has reviewed the application, the Staff recommendation, and the official file and finds that the certificate of service authority granted to Afford in case number TA-95-399 shall be canceled.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the certificate of authority granted in case number TA-95-399 to Afford-A-Call, Inc. shall be canceled on June 30, 2000.
2. That this order shall become effective on June 30, 2000.
3. That this case may be closed on July 3, 2000.

BY THE COMMISSION



Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

(S E A L)

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

Hopkins, Senior Regulatory Law Judge

ALJ/Sec'y: Hopkins/Bayer

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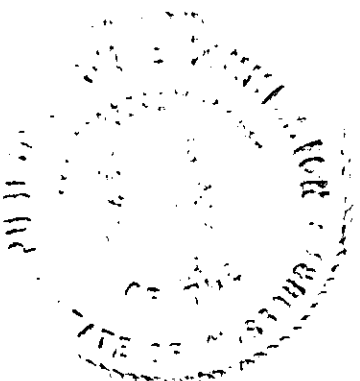
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Agenda Date

Action taken: 5-0AS
Must Vote Not Later Than _____

STATE OF MISSOURI
OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

I have compared the preceding copy with the original on file in this office and
I do hereby certify the same to be a true copy therefrom and the whole thereof.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission, at Jefferson City,
Missouri, this 20th day of June, 2000.



Dale Hardy Roberts
Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge