

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

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CASE NO: TE-2000-728

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

Sincerely,



Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Request of Fidelity)
Telephone Company for an Extension of) Case No. TE-2000-728
Time to File an Annual Report)

ORDER GRANTING LEAVE TO FILE ANNUAL REPORT OUT OF TIME

Pursuant to Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-10.080(1), "[a]ll public utilities subject to the jurisdiction of the Missouri Public Service Commission shall file an annual report with the commission on or before April 15 of each year¹."

On May 3, 2000, Fidelity Communications Services I, Inc. (Fidelity) filed its 1999 annual report and its motion for leave to file its annual report out of time.

Fidelity stated that it was a public utility and a telecommunications company subject to the control and jurisdiction of the Commission. Fidelity stated that because of the recent certification of several new competitive companies and the fact that the family of Fidelity companies now totals thirteen (13) companies, the year-end audit of the companies was more complicated and consumed more time than in the past. Because the audit took more time than was originally scheduled,

¹ April 15, 2000, was on a Saturday, thus effectively making the due date the following Monday, i.e., April 17, 2000.

Fidelity stated that it was not able to complete its annual report to make a timely filing.

Fidelity requested that the Commission grant its motion for leave to file its annual report out of time and accept its 1999 annual report.

Upon review of Fidelity's motion and the official case file, the Commission finds that there is good cause to grant leave to Fidelity to file its annual report out of time since Fidelity's recent acquisitions of new businesses made its year-end audit more time consuming and more complicated. Therefore, an order granting Fidelity's motion to file its annual report out of time will be granted.

However, the fact that Fidelity's year-end audit for the year 1999 would be more time consuming and complicated than in previous years is a situation which Fidelity could have quite easily foreseen. Thus, there is little reason why Fidelity should have waited more than two and a half weeks after the report was due to file its motion. Fidelity is admonished to follow known and required deadlines in the future.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That Fidelity Communications Services I, Inc.'s motion for leave to file its annual report out of time shall be granted.

2. That this order shall become effective on June 26, 2000.

3. That this case may be closed on June 27, 2000.

BY THE COMMISSION



Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

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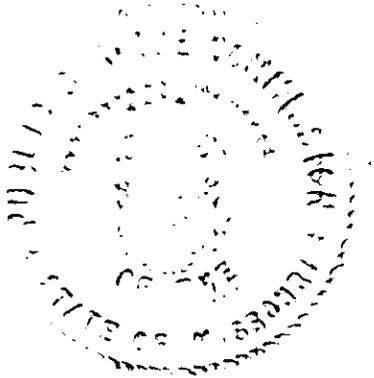
Bill Hopkins, Senior Regulatory Law Judge,
by delegation of authority pursuant to
4 CSR 240-2.120(1), (November 30, 1995)
and Section 386.240, RSMo 1994.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 15th day of June, 2000.

**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 15th day of June 2000.



Dale Hardy Roberts

Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge