BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Initial Basic Local Service) Case No. TT-99-582
Tariff of Universal Telephone.) Tariff-File 9900940

ORDER APPROVING TARIFF

The Commission granted to Kelly S. Beddow d/b/a Universal Telephone, a certificate of service authority to provide basic local exchange telecommunications services in Missouri on January 19, 1999. The order directed the company to file tariff sheets reflecting the rates, rules, and regulations it will use and the services it will offer, and provided that Universal Telephone's certificate would become effective concurrent with the effective date of the company's proposed tariffs. The order temporarily waived the filing of a 45-day tariff as required by 4 CSR 240-2.060(4)(H) until Universal Telephone entered into a Commission-approved interconnection agreement that enabled it to provide basic local services. The Commission also ordered Universal Telephone to file tariff sheets for approval no later than 30 days after the Commission approved the required interconnection agreement.

Universal Telephone's interconnection agreement with Southwestern Bell Telephone Company was approved by the Commission on May 26, 1999, in Case No. TO-99-463. Universal Telephone filed the required tariff sheets on June 1, 1999, with an effective date of July 16, 1999. Universal Telephone extended the effective date of its

tariff to July 27, 1999. Universal Telephone filed substitute sheets on July 9 and 12, 1999.

The Commission's Staff reviewed the tariff sheets and filed a memorandum on July 16, 1999. Staff stated that Universal Telephone proposes to offer prepaid basic local exchange service on a resale basis. According to Staff, Universal Telephone's "[c]ustomers will be able to place or receive calls to any calling station in the local calling area, place or receive calls to toll free 8XX telephone numbers, access Enhanced 911 emergency service if available in the customer's local calling area and obtain access to optional service features. . ." Staff states that Universal Telephone's customers will not be able "to originate calls to other telephone companies' caller-paid information services (900, 976)." Universal Telephone will not provide operator services or access to directory assistance.

Staff stated that it believes Universal Telephone's proposed tariff complies with the Commission's orders. Staff stated that it has no objection to the Commission approving Universal Telephone's tariff sheets as amended.

On July 22, 1999, Universal Telephone filed an additional substitute sheet to correct a typographical error.

The Commission has reviewed Universal Telephone's proposed tariff and Staff's recommendation and finds that the tariff details the services and pricing it proposes to offer. The Commission finds that the proposed tariff should be approved as amended to become effective on July 27, 1999.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the tariff filed by Universal Telephone, on June 1, 1999, is approved as amended to become effective on July 27, 1999. The tariff approved is:

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- 2. That the certificate of service authority to provide basic local exchange telecommunications service granted to Universal Telephone, on January 19, 1999, shall become effective on July 27, 1999.
 - 3. That this order shall become effective on July 27, 1999.
 - 4. That this case may be closed on July 28, 1999.

BY THE COMMISSION

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Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

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Nancy Dippell, 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 23rd day of July, 1999.

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COMMISSION COUNSEL: PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION