

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
JEFFERSON CITY
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CASE NO: TM-2000-501

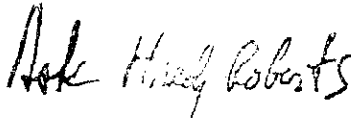
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Enclosed find a certified copy of an ORDER in the above-numbered case(s).

Sincerely,



Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Joint Application)
of NOW Communications, Inc. and)
Tel-Link, L.L.C. for Approval of an)
Asset Transfer)

Case No. TM-2000-501

ORDER DIRECTING FILING

On August 4, 2000, Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) filed its recommendation that the Commission approve the transfer of assets requested by joint applicants Tel-Link, L.L.C. and NOW Communications, Inc. Staff also recommended that the Commission grant a waiver of the Commission rule 4 CSR 240-33.150. Staff stated in its memorandum that the parties had requested a waiver of the "anti-slamming" rule 4 CSR 240-33.150 in order to facilitate the direct transfer of customer accounts to a different primary interexchange carrier.

The Commission has reviewed the pleadings filed by the joint applicants and finds no request for a waiver of Commission rule 4 CSR 240-33.150. Therefore, it is necessary for the joint applicants to respond to Staff's recommendation that the Commission issue a waiver of Commission rule 4 CSR 33.150, either confirming or denying the request made by Staff on behalf of the joint applicants in Staff's memorandum.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That NOW Communications, Inc. and Tel-Link, L.L.C. are directed to file a pleading with the Commission responding to Staff's recommendation that the Commission waive Commission rule 4 CSR 240-33.150 for good cause pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.015. This filing should be filed no later than November 8, 2000.

2. That this order shall become effective on November 3, 2000.

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Dale Hardy Roberts". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

(S E A L)

Shelly A. Register, Regulatory Law Judge
by delegation of authority pursuant to
Section 386.240, RSMo 1994.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 24th day of October, 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 24th day of Oct. 2000.

Dale Hardy Roberts

Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

