

STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

At a Session of the Public Service
Commission held at its office
in Jefferson City on the 14th
day of July, 1992.

In the matter of Alma Telephone Company's)
custom calling services tariff.) Case No. TR-92-289

ORDER APPROVING TARIFFS

On May 26, 1992, Alma Telephone Company (Alma) filed a proposal to establish custom calling features, perform a field trial during which the custom calling features would be offered free of charge to all subscribers, and waive service connection charges during a promotional period following the field trial. In support of its application, Alma states it intends to provide the following custom calling features: call forwarding, call waiting, three-way calling, and speed calling (8 or 30 numbers). Alma states that the field trial proposal is the result of a requirement by the National Rural Electrification Administration (REA) that it perform a field trial of custom calling features on the Mitel GX 5000 digital central office switch prior to the REA's approval of financial assistance for this equipment.

Alma further states that the field trial began May 4, 1992, and will end on November 5, 1992. Alma states that once the field trial is completed, it plans to disconnect all custom calling features and that subscribers wanting custom calling features will be given thirty (30) days to select the custom calling features of their choice to be reconnected at the proposed monthly recurring charges. Furthermore, Alma states it is proposing to waive the installation charges for the custom calling features within the thirty (30) day period, beginning November 5, 1992, and continuing through December 4, 1992. Alma states even though it initiated the field trial on May 4, 1992, on an

untariffed basis, it is now requesting to tariff the custom calling services and describe the field trial in its tariff.

On July 1, 1992, the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) filed its memorandum recommending that the tariffs, as amended, be approved effective no later than July 19, 1992. In support of its recommendation, Staff states that the proposed custom calling rates which will be charged after the trial period are similar to the custom calling rates charged by other local exchange telecommunications companies. Staff further states that the custom calling currently being offered by Alma should be tariffed even if provided to customers at no charge. Staff states that REA officials have verified that REA requires such field trials for certain types of switches.

The Commission has reviewed the tariffs and the recommendation of its Staff and determines that the tariffs, as amended, should be approved. The Commission is of the opinion that the custom calling features offered by Alma should be tariffed even if they are being provided to customers at no charge. The Commission further determines that the tariffs should be approved, as amended, as the custom calling rates which will be charged by Alma are similar to the custom calling rates charged by other local exchange telecommunications companies.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the following tariff sheets submitted on May 26, 1992, as amended, by Alma Telephone Company be, and the same are, hereby approved for service on or after July 19, 1992.

P.S.C. Mo. No. 3

Original Sheet Nos. 12-15 cancelling all previous schedules

2. That this order shall become effective on July 19, 1992.

BY THE COMMISSION

Brent Stewart

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Executive Secretary

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McClure, Chm., Mueller, Rauch,
Perkins and Kincheloe, CC., Concur.