

STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

At a Session of the Public Service
Commission held at its office
in Jefferson City on the 25th
day of November, 1992.

In the matter of Choctaw Telephone Company's)
tariffs designed to provide customer-owned pay)
telephone service to customers in the Missouri)
service area of the company.)
CASE NO. TR-93-131

ORDER APPROVING TARIFFS

On October 9, 1992, Choctaw Telephone Company (Choctaw) filed tariff sheets designed to allow Choctaw to offer customer-owned pay telephone (COPT) service. On November 6, 1992, Choctaw filed substitute sheets pursuant to a request by the Staff of the Commission (Staff), and on November 18, 1992, Choctaw requested an effective date of November 30, 1992, for its proposed tariff sheets.

COPT service is a service offered by the local exchange company (LEC) that allows a certified payphone provider to place customer-owned pay telephones in the LEC's territory, and offers the payphone provider access to the LEC's network. Choctaw has proposed the following rates for its COPT service:

Installation Charge (non-recurring):	\$40.00/phone;
Monthly Charge:	\$30.00/phone;
Monthly Screening Charge:	\$ 4.00/phone;

Local Calling Charge:

Initial Minute:	\$0.045/minute;
Additional Minutes:	\$0.015/minute.

On November 20, 1992, Staff filed a memorandum recommending that the Commission approve Choctaw's proposed tariff sheets. Staff stated that while Choctaw did not supply a cost study for its proposed rates, Choctaw's proposal mirrors the general rules and regulations contained in the approved tariffs of other LECs for COPT service, and that Choctaw's proposed rates are very similar to the COPT service rates of Southwestern Bell Telephone Company. Staff also

stated that it is unaware of any filing that affects or that would be affected by Choctaw's proposed tariff sheets.

The Commission finds that Choctaw has the capability to provide COPT service, and that doing so would not compromise Choctaw's ability to otherwise provide reliable service to its customers. Thus, the Commission determines that the tariff sheets filed by Choctaw on October 9, 1992 and substituted on November 6, 1992, are not detrimental to the public interest and should be approved for service on and after November 30, 1992.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the following tariff sheets filed by Choctaw Telephone Company are hereby approved for service on and after November 30, 1992:

P.S.C. MO. No. 1

4th Revised Sheet No. 23.0 Canceling 3rd Revised Sheet No. 23.0;
2nd Revised Sheet No. 23.1 Canceling 1st Revised Sheet No. 23.1;
Original Sheet No. 23.2;
Original Sheet No. 23.3;
Original Sheet No. 23.4;
Original Sheet No. 23.5;
Original Sheet No. 23.6;
Original Sheet No. 23.7.

2. That this Order shall become effective on November 30, 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.