

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
JEFFERSON CITY
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CASE NO: TA-2000-663


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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

Uncertified Copies:
To all Interexchange and basic local telecommunications companies
To county clerks

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of Rock Port)
Telephone Company and Fiber Four Corporation)
to grant Rock Port Telephone Company a Certifi-)
cate of Service Authority to Provide Inter-)
exchange and Local Exchange Telecommunications) Case No. TA-2000-663
Services and for Authority to Transfer a)
Portion of the Assets of Fiber Four Corporation)
Used to Provide Service to Customers of Rock)
Port Long Distance to Rock Port Telephone)
Company d/b/a Rock Port Long Distance.)

ORDER DIRECTING NOTICE

On April 18, 2000, Rock Port Telephone Company (RPTC) and Fiber Four Corporation (FFC) filed a joint application in which RPTC requests that the Commission approve its application for a certificate of service authority to provide interexchange and local exchange telecommunications services pursuant to Chapter 392 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri. The parties also request that the Commission grant the application of RPTC and FFC to transfer a portion of the assets of FFC to RPTC, and to simultaneously cancel the certificate of service authority and existing tariff of FFC which was granted by the Commission in PSC Case No. TA-2000-27. In addition, the parties request that the Commission approve the new tariff of RPTC, which was filed with the joint application.

The Commission finds that proper persons should be given notice and an opportunity to intervene in this matter. The Commission directs that the Records Department of the Commission shall send a

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copy of this order to the county clerk of each Missouri county containing all or part of any affected exchange, and to all basic local and interexchange telecommunications companies in Missouri. The Public Information Officer of the Commission shall give notice of this application to every newspaper serving the affected counties, as listed in the newspaper directory of the current Official Manual of the State of Missouri, and to the members of the Missouri General Assembly representing persons residing within those affected exchanges. Proper persons wishing to intervene shall file an application to intervene with the Secretary of the Missouri Public Service Commission. Copies of the application to intervene should be sent to the parties listed below.

The requirement of a hearing is met when an opportunity to be heard has been provided and no proper party has requested the opportunity to present evidence. State ex rel Rex Deffenderfer Enterprises, Inc. v. Public Service Commission, 776 S.W.2d, 494, 496 (Mo. App. 1989). If there are no requests for a hearing, the requested relief may be granted based on the application.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the Records Department of the Commission shall send a copy of this order to the county clerk of each Missouri county containing all or a part of any affected exchange, and to every telecommunications carrier certified to provide basic local or interexchange telecommunications services in the state of Missouri.

2. That the Public Information Officer of the Commission shall give notice of this application to every newspaper serving each

county affected by the application, as listed in the newspaper directory of the current Official Manual of the State of Missouri, and to the members of the Missouri General Assembly representing persons residing within the affected exchanges.

3. That any party wishing to intervene, request a hearing, or to file comments in this matter shall file an application, or shall file their written comments, no later than May 16, 2000, with:

Dale Hardy Roberts, Secretary
Missouri Public Service Commission
Post Office Box 360
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102

and send copies to:

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and

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4. That this order shall become effective on May 11, 2000.

BY THE COMMISSION



**Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge**

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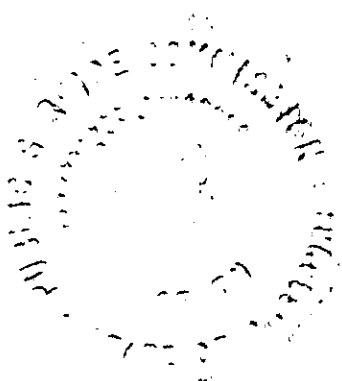
Vicky Ruth, Regulatory Law Judge,
by delegation of authority pursuant
to 4 CSR 240-2.120(1) (November 30,
1995) and Section 386.240, RSMo 1994.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 1st day of May, 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 1st day of May 2000.



Dale Hardy Roberts

Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge