BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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In the matter of the application of One Call Communications, Inc., d/b/a OPTICOM, for a certificate of service to operate as an interexchange telecommunications resale carrier and operator services provider within the State of Missouri.

CASE NO. TA-91-156

APPEARANCES: <u>Nathan M. Nickolaus</u>, Robert L. Hawkins, III Law Offices, The Standish House, 103 Jackson Street, P. O. Box 1497, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102-1497, for Applicant.

HEARING EXAMINER: Beth O'Donnell

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REPORT AND ORDER

On October 18, 1990, One Call Communications, Inc., d/b/a OPTICOM (Applicant) filed its verified application for a certificate of service authority authorizing it to provide intrastate interexchange telecommunications services.

The Commission issued its Order and Notice on October 30, 1990, directing its Executive Secretary to send notice of this application. No applications to intervene or motions to schedule a hearing were filed. On March 12, 1991, the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) filed its memorandum recommending approval of the application.

Findings of Fact

The Missouri Public Service Commission, having considered all of the competent and substantial evidence upon the whole record, makes the following findings of fact.

Pursuant to Section 392.440, RSMo Cum. Supp. 1990, Applicant requests authority to provide intrastate interexchange telecommunications services in the State of Missouri.

The requirement of a hearing has been fulfilled when all those having a desire to be heard are offered such an opportunity. In this case, notice was sent by

the Executive Secretary of the Commission to any persons or entities known to the Telecommunications Department of the Public Service Commission to be rendering identical or similar services within the service area proposed by this application, as well as to each telephone company rendering local exchange service in Missouri. Interested persons or entities were directed to intervene on or before November 29, 1990. Since no proper party or governmental entity filed an application to intervene and neither the Staff nor the Office of Public Counsel requested a hearing, the Commission determines that an oral hearing is not necessary and the Applicant may submit evidence in support of its application by verified statement. State ex rel. Rex Deffenderfer Enterprises, Inc. v. Public Service Commission, 776 S.W.2d 494, 496 (Mo. App. 1989).

The Commission finds that Applicant is a Indiana corporation authorized to do business in the state of Missouri, with its principal office or place of business located at 801 Congressional Boulevard, Suite 100, Carmel, Indiana 46032. The Commission further finds that Applicant has filed current financial information and a brief description of the type of service it proposes to provide, and has agreed to comply with all applicable rules and regulations of the Commission and any terms and conditions which the Commission may impose.

By memorandum filed herein Staff recommends that the Commission grant OPTICOM (OPTICOM), a division of One Call Communications, Inc. (One Call), a certificate of service authority. Staff states that One Call, proposes to provide message toll service (MTS) while OPTICOM proposes to provide operator services. It is Staff's opinion that One Call requires a certificate to provide MTS while OPTICOM requires another certificate to provide operator services. As a result, One Call has agreed to file another application requesting a certificate to provide MTS. Staff's recommendation in this case addresses only the application for a certificate for OPTICOM. Therefore, throughout this Report and Order the Commission will use the word, Applicant, to refer to OPTICOM.

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Based upon the verified statements of Applicant and the recommendations of Staff, the Commission finds that Applicant is qualified to perform the service proposed. Pursuant to Sections 392.440 and 392.530, RSMo Cum. Supp. 1990, the Commission will assume that additional competition in the intraLATA and interLATA toll markets is in the public interest. The Commission does not deem it necessary to determine a public need for each reseller's services as the market would eliminate any reseller for which there is no public need. Consequently, pursuant to Section 392.440, RSMo Cum. Supp. 1990, the Commission finds that it is in the public interest to grant Applicant a certificate of service authority to provide intrastate interexchange telecommunications services.

Pursuant to Section 392.470, RSMo Cum. Supp. 1990, the Commission determines that certain regulatory requirements should be imposed upon resellers authorized to provide telecommunications services in Missouri. Since the Applicant proposes to operate as a reseller of telecommunications services in this state, the Commission finds that the following regulatory requirements should be imposed upon Applicant as reasonable and necessary conditions of certification:

- Applicant is required to comply with reasonable requests by the Staff for financial and operating data to allow the Staff to monitor the intraLATA toll market pursuant to Section 386.320.3, RSMo Cum. Supp. 1990;
- (2) Applicant is required to file tariffs containing rules and regulations applicable to customers, a description of the services provided and a list of rates associated with the services pursuant to Section 392.220, RSMo Cum. Supp. 1990, and 4 CSR 240-30.010;
- (3) Applicant is precluded from unjustly discriminating between and among its customers pursuant to Section 392.200, RSMo Cum. Supp. 1990, and Section 392.400, RSMo Cum. Supp. 1990;
- (4) Applicant is required by Sections 386.570, RSMo 1986, and 392.360,

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RSMo Cum. Supp. 1990 to comply with all applicable ... Commission except those which are specifically waived by the Commission pursuant to Section 392.420, RSMo Cum. Supp. 1990;

- (5) Applicant is required to file a Missouri-specific annual report pursuant to Section 392.210, RSMo Cum. Supp. 1990, and Section 392.390.1, RSMo Cum. Supp. 1990;
- (6) Applicant is required, until the Commission orders otherwise, to submit to the Staff on a confidential basis, quarterly reports showing its percentage of interstate use and intrastate interLATA and intraLATA use pursuant to Section 392.390.3, RSMo Cum. Supp. 1990; (If the sole service to be offered by Applicant is private line, make this conditional upon offering additional services.)
- (7) Pursuant to Section 392.390.3, RSMo Cum. Supp. 1990, Applicant is required to comply with the jurisdictional reporting requirements as set out in each local exchange company's access services tariff.

Finally, the Commission finds that Applicant should file appropriate tariffs within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this Report and Order. The certificate to be granted herein will become effective only upon approval by the Commission of these tariffs.

Conclusions of Law

The Missouri Public Service Commission has arrived at the following conclusions of law.

Applicant proposes to provide service to the public as a intrastate interexchange telecommunications company subject to the Commission's jurisdiction pursuant to Chapters 386 and 392, RSMo Cum. Supp. 1990.

Based upon the verified application of Applicant and the recommendation of its Staff, the Commission has found that Applicant has complied with the Commission's standards pertaining to applications requesting authority to provide intrastate interexchange telecommunications services and is qualified to perform said services

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The Commission concludes that additional competition in the intrastate interexchange market is in the public interest and a certificate of service authority should be granted.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That OPTICOM, a division of One Call Communications, Inc., be granted hereby a certificate of service authority to provide intrastate interexchange telecommunications services in Missouri. This certificate of service authority is subject to the conditions of certification set out herein and shall not become effective until the Commission approves Applicant's tariffs.

2. That OPTICOM, a division of One Call Communications, Inc., shall file tariffs within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this Report and Order.

3. That nothing contained herein shall be construed as a finding by the Commission of the value for ratemaking purposes of the properties herein involved, nor as an acquiescence in the values placed upon said properties by the Applicant.

4. That OPTICOM, a division of One Call Communications, Inc., shall file with the Commission's Staff on a quarterly basis reports showing its percentage of interstate use and intrastate interLATA and intraLATA use. The first such report shall be filed in the next quarterly period following the effective date of this Report and Order and quarterly thereafter on a confidential basis, unless otherwise ordered by the Commission.

5. That this Report and Order shall become effective on the 2nd day of April, 1991.

BY THE COMMISSION

Brent Stewart Executive Secretary

(SEAL)

Mueller, Rauch, McClure and Letsch-Roderique, CC., Concur. Steinmeier, Chm., Absent.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 22nd day of March, 1991.