BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of Quintelco, Inc. for a Certificate of Service Authority to Provide Basic Local Telecommunications Service in Portions of the State of Missouri and to Classify Said Services and the Company as Competitive.

Case No. TA-98-325 (Tariff No. 9900966)

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ORDER APPROVING TARIFF

By order issued September 17, 1998, the Commission granted Quintelco, Inc. (Quintelco), a certificate of service authority to provide basic local exchange telecommunications services in Missouri. The order waived the filing of a 45-day tariff as required by 4 CSR 240-2.060(4)(H) until 30 days after the order's September 29, 1998, effective date. The order noted that the Commission had approved an interconnection agreement between Quintelco and Southwestern Bell Telephone Company on March 5, 1998, in Case No. TO-98-240. The order further provided that Quintelco's certificate of service authority was to become effective upon the effective date of its approved tariffs.

On March 1, 1999, the Commission issued an Order Directing Compliance which noted that the tariff sheets should have been filed by October 29, 1998. The Commission directed Quintelco to file the tariff sheets no later than March 22, 1999. Quintelco filed a Motion for Reconsideration of Order Directing Compliance on March 15, 1999. The Commission granted the motion on June 4, 1999, and also granted Quintelco an extension of time until June 30, 1999, to either file

compliant tariff sheets or to request that the Commission cancel its certificate.

On June 11, 1999, Quintelco submitted a proposed tariff to provide resold basic local exchange service to residential and business customers in Missouri. The proposed tariff contained an effective date of July 26, 1999. Quintelco extended the effective date of its tariff filing numerous times and submitted substitute tariff pages on several occasions in order to bring the tariffs into compliance with Commission rules and regulations. On October 6, 1999, Staff filed a motion to suspend Quintelco's proposed tariff, stating that the proposed tariff required major revisions and Staff needed additional time to review it. The Commission issued an order on October 24, 1999, suspending Quintelco's proposed tariff to December 9, 1999.

The Commission's Staff reviewed the tariff sheets and filed a Recommendation with an attached Memorandum on November 30, 1999. Staff recommends that the Commission approve the tariff as amended by the substitute sheets. Quintelco's proposed tariff includes provisions for 911 Service, Discontinuance of Service, Caller ID, Call Trace, Directory Assistance, Local Operator Service, Lifeline and Link Up, Promotional Offerings, and Rights and Responsibilities of Missouri Residential Telephone Customers. In addition to basic local residential and business service, Quintelco proposes to offer resold Custom Calling Services, CLASS Services, and Centrex Service. Staff indicates that Quintelco's proposed tariff is similar to other

competitive local exchange company tariffs previously approved by the Commission.

The Commission has reviewed Quintelco's proposed tariff, Staff's Recommendation and its Memorandum, and finds that the tariff sheets, as amended, conform to the Commission's order of September 17, 1998. The Commission determines that the tariff sheets, as amended, should be approved to become effective on December 9, 1999.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the tariff filed by Quintelco, Inc., on June 11, 1999, tariff file 9900966, is approved as amended to become effective on December 9, 1999. The tariff approved is:

M.P.S.C. No. 2 - Telephone

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2. That the certificate of service authority to provide basic local telecommunications services granted to Quintelco, Inc., on September 17, 1998, shall become effective on December 9, 1999.

- 3. That this order shall become effective on December 9, 1999.
 - 4. That this case may be closed on December 10, 1999.

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 8th day of December, 1999.

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