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**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**  
**OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

In the Matter of the Application of Secured )  
Technologies, L.C., for a Certificate of Service ) Case No. TA-99-251  
Authority to Provide Interexchange Telecommunica- )  
tions Services. )

**ORDER APPROVING INTEREXCHANGE CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE AUTHORITY**  
**AND ORDER APPROVING TARIFF**

Secured Technologies, L.C. (ST) applied to the Missouri Public Service Commission on December 4, 1998, for a certificate of service authority to provide intrastate interexchange telecommunications services in Missouri under Section 392.440, RSMo 1994<sup>1</sup>. ST asked the Commission to classify it as a competitive company and waive certain statutes and rules as authorized by Sections 392.361 and 392.420. ST is a Texas limited liability company with its principal office located at 1418 Bitters Road, Suite 2, San Antonio, Texas 78216.

The Commission issued a Notice of Applications and Opportunity to Intervene on December 8, 1998 directing parties wishing to intervene to file their requests by December 23, 1998. The requirement for a hearing is met when the opportunity for hearing has been provided and no proper party has requested the opportunity to present evidence. State ex rel. Rex Deffenderfer Enterprises Incorporated v. Public Service Commission, 776 S.W.2d 494, 496 (Mo. App. 1989). Since no one has asked permission to intervene or requested a hearing, the

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<sup>1</sup> All statutory references are to the Revised Statutes of Missouri 1994 unless otherwise indicated.

Commission may grant the relief requested based on the verified application.

ST filed a proposed tariff in conjunction with its application and filed substitute sheets on January 4, 1999 and on January 5, 1999. The tariff's effective date was January 18, 1999. ST's tariff describes the rates, rules, and regulations it intends to use, identifies ST as a competitive company, and lists the waivers requested. ST intends to provide interexchange telecommunications services including 1+ direct dial, 800/888/877 Services, Operator Services, and Debit Card Services.

In its Memorandum filed on January 7, 1999, the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) recommended that the Commission grant ST a certificate of service authority, competitive status, and waiver of the statutes and rules listed in the Notice. Staff recommended that the Commission approve the proposed tariff as amended to become effective on January 18, 1999.

The Commission finds that competition in the intrastate interexchange telecommunications market is in the public interest and ST should be granted a certificate of service authority. The Commission finds that the services ST proposes to offer are competitive and ST should be classified as a competitive company. The Commission finds that waiving the statutes and Commission rules set out in the ordered paragraph below is reasonable and not detrimental to the public interest.

The Commission finds that ST's proposed tariff details the services, equipment, and pricing it proposes to offer, and is similar

to tariffs approved for other Missouri certificated interexchange carriers. The Commission finds that the proposed tariff filed on December 4, 1998 shall be approved as amended to become effective on January 18, 1999.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. That Secured Technologies, L.C. is granted a certificate of service authority to provide intrastate interexchange telecommunications services in the state of Missouri, subject to all applicable statutes and Commission rules except as specified in this order.

2. That Secured Technologies, L.C. is classified as a competitive telecommunications company. Application of the following statutes and regulatory rules shall be waived:

**Statutes**

392.240(1) - ratemaking  
392.270 - valuation of property (ratemaking)  
392.280 - depreciation accounts  
392.290 - issuance of securities  
392.310 - stock and debt issuance  
392.320 - stock dividend payment  
392.340 - reorganization(s)  
392.330, RSMo Supp. 1997 - issuance of securities,  
debts and notes

**Commission Rules**

4 CSR 240-10.020 - depreciation fund income  
4 CSR 240-30.010(2)(C) - rate schedules  
4 CSR 240-30.040 - Uniform System of Accounts  
4 CSR 240-32.030(1)(B) - exchange boundary maps  
4 CSR 240-32.030(1)(C) - record-keeping  
4 CSR 240-32.030(2) - in-state record-keeping  
4 CSR 240-32.050(3) - local office record-keeping  
4 CSR 240-32.050(4) - telephone directories  
4 CSR 240-32.050(5) - call intercept  
4 CSR 240-32.050(6) - telephone number changes

- 4 CSR 240-32.070(4) - public coin telephone
- 4 CSR 240-33.030 - minimum charges rule
- 4 CSR 240-33.040(5) - financing fees

3. That the tariff filed by Secured Technologies, L.C. on December 4, 1998, is approved as amended to become effective on January 18, 1999. The tariff approved is:

**Missouri Tariff No. 1**

4. That this order shall become effective on January 18, 1999.

5. That this case may be closed on January 25, 1999.

**BY THE COMMISSION**

*Dale Hardy Roberts*

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

( S E A L )

Bill Hopkins, 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 12th day of January, 1999.

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