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

In the Matter of the Application of Alliance)
Group Services Inc. for a Certificate of)
Service Authority to Provide Intrastate Inter-) **Case No. TA-99-57**
exchange and Non-Switched Local Exchange Tele-) (Tariff File 9900121)
communications Services to the Public Within)
the State of Missouri and for Competitive)
Classification.)

**ORDER APPROVING INTEREXCHANGE AND NON-SWITCHED LOCAL EXCHANGE
CERTIFICATES OF SERVICE AUTHORITY AND ORDER APPROVING TARIFF**

Alliance Group Services, Inc. (Alliance) applied to the Public Service Commission on August 12, 1998, for certificates of service authority to provide intrastate interexchange and non-switched local exchange telecommunications services in Missouri under Section 392.410-.450, RSMo 1994 and RSMo Supp. 1997¹. Alliance 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. Applicant is a Delaware corporation, with its principal office located at 371 Sturges Ridge Road, Wilton, Connecticut 06897.

The Commission issued a Notice of Applications and Opportunity to Intervene on August 18, directing parties wishing to intervene to file their requests by September 2. 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, Inc. v. Public Service Commission,

¹All further statutory references are to the Revised Statutes of Missouri 1994 unless otherwise indicated.

776 S.W.2d 494, 496 (Mo. App. 1989). Since no one has asked permission to intervene or requested a hearing, the Commission may grant the relief requested based on the verified application.

Alliance filed a proposed tariff in conjunction with its application and filed substitute sheets on September 24, October 1 and October 13, 1998. The tariff's effective date was extended from September 26 to October 24. Alliance's tariff describes the rates, rules, and regulations it intends to use, identifies Alliance as a competitive company, and lists the waivers requested. Alliance intends to provide interexchange and non-switched local exchange telecommunications services including 1+, 800/888/877 services, Directory Assistance and Travel Card services.

In its Memorandum filed on October 15, the Staff of the Commission stated that Applicant's proposed services are similar to existing IXC offerings. Staff recommended that the Commission grant Applicant a certificate of interexchange service authority, and a certificate of service authority for local exchange telecommunications services on condition that this authority be restricted to providing dedicated, non-switched local exchange private line services. Staff recommended that the Commission grant Applicant 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 October 24.

The Commission finds that competition in the intrastate interexchange and non-switched local exchange telecommunications markets is in the public interest and Applicant should be granted certificates of service authority. The Commission finds that the services Applicant

proposes to offer are competitive and Applicant 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 Alliance's proposed tariff details the services, equipment, and pricing it proposes to offer, and is similar to tariffs approved for other Missouri certificated interexchange and non-switched local exchange carriers. The Commission finds that the proposed tariff filed on August 12 shall be approved as amended to become effective on October 24.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That Alliance Group Services, Inc. is granted a certificate of service authority to provide intrastate interexchange telecommunications services in the state of Missouri, subject to the conditions of certification set out above.

2. That Alliance Group Services, Inc. is granted a certificate of service authority to provide local exchange telecommunications services in the state of Missouri limited to providing dedicated, non-switched local exchange private line services, subject to all applicable statutes and Commission rules except as specified in this order.

3. That Alliance Group Services, Inc. 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

4. That the tariff filed by Alliance Group Services, Inc. on August 12, 1998, is approved as amended to become effective on October 24, 1998. The tariff approved is:

Missouri P.S.C. Tariff No. 1

- 5. That this order shall become effective on October 24, 1998.
- 6. That this case may be closed on November 2, 1998.

BY THE COMMISSION

Dale Hardy Roberts

**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 21st day of October, 1998.

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