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1. *Chlorophyll a* (Chl a) is the primary photosynthetic pigment in most plants and algae. It is a green pigment that absorbs light energy in the blue and red regions of the visible spectrum.

ORDER APPROVING INTEREXCHANGE CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE AUTHORITY
AND ORDER APPROVING TARIFF

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776 S.W.2d 494, 496 (Mo. App. 1989). Since no one has asked permission

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to intervene or requested a hearing, the Commission may grant the relief requested based on the verified application.

Big Planet filed a proposed tariff in conjunction with its application and filed substitute sheets on July 20 and 21. The tariff's effective date is August 1. Big Planet's tariff describes the rates, rules, and regulations it intends to use, identifies Big Planet as a competitive company, and lists the waivers requested. Big Planet intends to provide interexchange telecommunications services including 1+, 800/888/877, directory assistance, debit card, travel card and operator services.

In its Memorandum filed on July 24 the Staff of the Commission stated that Big Planet's proposed services are similar to existing IXC offerings. Staff recommended that the Commission grant Big Planet 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 August 1.

The Commission finds that competition in the intrastate interexchange telecommunications market is in the public interest and Big Planet should be granted a certificate of service authority. The Commission finds that the services Big Planet proposes to offer are competitive and Big Planet 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 Big Planet'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 June 3 shall be approved as amended to become effective on August 1.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That Big Planet, Inc. 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 Big Planet, 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

3. That the tariff filed by Big Planet, Inc. on June 3, 1998, is approved as amended to become effective on August 1, 1998. The tariff approved is:

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4. That this order shall become effective on August 1, 1998.
5. That this case shall be closed on August 11, 1998.

BY THE COMMISSION



Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

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Brian K. Harper, 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 30th day of July, 1998.

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