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RE: Case No. TA-2000-338

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed for filing in the above-captioned case are an original and fourteen (14) conformed copies of a **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**.

This filing has been mailed or hand-delivered this date to all counsel of record.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
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In the Matter of the Application of)
Sterling Telephone Company, for a)
Certificate of Service Authority to Provide)
Interexchange Telecommunications)
Services.)

Case No. TA-2000-338

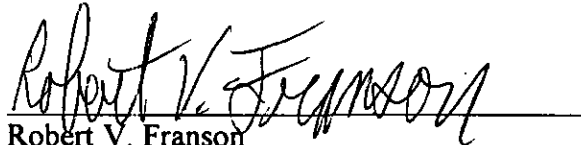
STAFF RECOMMENDATION

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) and for its recommendation states:

1. In the attached Memorandum, which is labeled Appendix A, the Staff recommends that the Missouri Public Service Commission grant Sterling Telephone Company, (Applicant) a certificate to provide interexchange telecommunications services, grant Applicant competitive classification, approve Applicant's proposed tariff, PSC MO No. 1 with a proposed effective date of January 7, 2000, and approve waivers listed in the Notice of Applications.

Respectfully submitted,

DANA K. JOYCE
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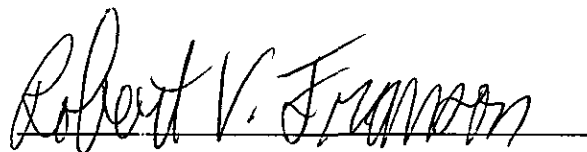
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Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed or hand-delivered to all counsel of record as shown on the attached service list this 22nd day of December, 1999.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Missouri Public Service Commission Official Case File
Case No. TA-2000-338 File No. 200000476
Applicant: Sterling Time Company

FROM: Arthur P. Kuss *APK BK*
Telecommunications Department

Wes Henderson 12-21-99
Utility Operations Division/Date

Wm K Naas 12/21/99 *RD 12-21-99*
General Counsel's Office/Date

SUBJECT: Staff Recommendation for Approval of Sterling Time Company
Certificate Application and Proposed Tariff to Provide
Interexchange Telecommunications Services.

DATE: December 21, 1999

Date assigned: November 23, 1999 Staff deadline: December 28, 1999

The Telecommunications Department Staff (Staff) recommends that the applicant be granted the following certificate(s), as indicated by check marks, to be effective on the same date the tariff becomes effective:

- ☒ Certificate to provide interexchange telecommunications services.
☒ Certificate to provide local exchange* telecommunications services.
*Local exchange authority should be restricted to dedicated, private line services.

Staff recommends the applicant receive competitive classification. Furthermore, Staff recommends approval of the applicant's proposed tariff, **P.S.C. MO. Tariff No. 1** with a proposed effective date of January 07, 2000. In addition, Staff recommends approval of the waivers listed in the Notice.

There is an attachment to this recommendation indicating additional recommendations or special considerations:

Yes ☐

No ☒

Copies: Director - Utility Operations Division
Director - Research and Public Affairs Division
Director - Utility Services Division
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Office of the Public Counsel
Attorney for Applicant - Judith A. Rau, Esq.
Attorney for Applicant - Lance M. Steinhart

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Application / Tariff Review Items	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No applications to intervene filed. Intervention deadline: 12-15-99
Application contains the following:	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Proper Secretary of State authorization.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Request for classification as a competitive telecommunications company.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	All requested waivers are listed in the Notice and all requested waivers have been previously granted to other competitive companies.
Proposed tariff:	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Complies with PSC rules and statutes applicable to applicant.
<input type="checkbox"/> NA	If operator services are offered, operator services requirements are included.
<input type="checkbox"/> NA	Includes "interexchange" tariff text if it offers private line service w/o requesting a local certificate.
<input type="checkbox"/> NA	If ICB pricing proposed, only for private line.
<input type="checkbox"/> NA	If ICB pricing is offered, tariff includes standardized ICB text.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Rate structures or service offerings are similar to existing IXC offerings (In addition, tariff does not geographically de-average.)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	If promotional offering text is included, it is the standardized promotional text.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Waivers listed in tariff match those listed in application and Notice.

Services Offered in Initial Tariff	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1+	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Line
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 800/888/877 Services	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Debit card
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Directory Assistance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Travel Card
<input type="checkbox"/> Operator Services	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____

Has the proposed effective date been extended?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
New effective date: _____		
Have substitute tariff sheets been filed?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Date substitute sheets filed: <u>December 21, 1999</u>		

From:	Initials:	Date:	Revised:
Mr. Kuss	APK	12/21/99	
Wm. Voight	BV	12-21	
Mr. VanEschen	Absent		
Mr. Henderson	W/H	12-21-99	
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