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**STATE OF MISSOURI  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service Commission held at its office in Jefferson City on the 9th day of October, 1997.

In the Matter of the Application of Group )  
Long Distance, Inc., for a Certificate of Service ) Case No. TA-98-112  
Authority to Provide Competitive Local Exchange )  
Telecommunications Services. )  
)

**ORDER DIRECTING FILING OF  
AMENDED APPLICATION**

On September 10, 1997, applicant Group Long Distance, Inc. (Group Long Distance or applicant) filed its "Application for Certificate of Service Authority to Provide Local Exchange Telecommunications Services Within the State of Missouri" with the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission). Because of the inadequacy of the information provided in the application, the Commission is unable to discern whether applicant seeks a certificate of service authority to provide basic local telecommunications service under Section 392.455, RSMo Supp. 1996, as such service is defined in Section 386.020 (4), RSMo Supp. 1996, or whether applicant seeks authority to provide other local exchange telecommunications services as well, as defined in Section 386.020(31), RSMo Supp. 1996.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> The application does not mention the term "basic" but includes several of the allegations needed in order to state a claim for a certificate of service authority to provide basic local telecommunications service pursuant to Section 392.455, RSMo Supp. 1996.

The application is defective in that:

- a) The application does not include a sufficient statement of the character of business performed by the applicant as required by 4 CSR 240-2.060(1) (B);
- b) The application does not contain reference to the statutory provision or other authority under which relief is requested pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.060(1) (D);
- c) The application does not contain a clear and concise statement of the type of certificate or other relief requested, as required by 4 CSR 240-2.060(1) (E); and
- d) The application does not *i)* state whether or not the applicant will comply with billing, quality of service and tariff requirements of the Commission, *ii)* state whether or not the applicant proposes to offer basic local service as a separate and distinct service, or *iii)* contain any statement of fact to support whether or not the issuance of the certificate requested might be in the public interest, as required by Section 392.455, RSMo Supp. 1996, for a certificate to provide basic local telecommunications service.

The Commission finds that Group Long Distance's application should not be processed unless and until its application is amended to address the defects noted herein. Applicant shall file an amended application no later than November 7, 1997, or its application will be dismissed for failure to prosecute.

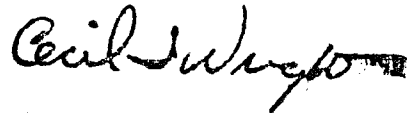
**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. That Group Long Distance, Inc. shall file an amended application no later than November 7, 1997.

2. That Group Long Distance, Inc.'s application shall be subject to dismissal for failure to prosecute if Group Long Distance fails to amend its application by November 7, 1997.

3. That this order shall become effective on October 9, 1997.

**BY THE COMMISSION**



**Cecil I. Wright**  
**Executive Secretary**

( S E A L )

Lumpe, Ch., Crumpton, Drainer  
and Murray, CC., concur.

Randles, Regulatory Law Judge