STATE OF MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

At a session of the Public Service Commission held at its office in Jefferson City on the 19th day of February, 1998.

In the Matter of the Application of Quintelco, Inc.)
for a Certificate of Service Authority to Provide) Case No. TA-98-111
Interexchange and Local Exchange Telecommunications)
Services.)

ORDER SUSPENDING TARIFF SHEETS

Quintelco, Inc. (Quintelco) filed an Application with the Commission on September 9, 1997, captioned "In the Matter of the Application of Quintelco, Inc. for a Certificate of Service Authority to Provide Interexchange and Local Exchange Telecommunications Services." The company filed two tariffs in association with its Application carrying an effective date of October 21.

On September 23, the Commission rejected Quintelco's local tariff (M.P.S.C. No. 2 - Telephone), and suspended Quintelco's interexchange tariff (M.P.S.C. TARIFF NO. 1) to February 21, 1998. The local tariff was rejected because Quintelco did not have an interconnection agreement with an incumbent local exchange carrier (ILEC) upon which it could base its local rates. The interexchange certificate was suspended because the type of certificate sought by Quintelco was not clear from its original Application. The Commission's September 23 order pointed out the ways in which Quintelco's Application failed to comply with Missouri's regulations, and gave Quintelco until October 23 to amend its Application.

On October 29, despite the fact that its prior tariffs had been rejected and suspended, Quintelco filed several revised sheets for each tariff. The revised sheets bear an effective date of December 5, 1997. Quintelco filed its Amended Application to Provide Interexchange and Local Exchange Telecommunications Services on November 18. The amended application was deficient. On December 2, the Commission rejected Quintelco's revised local tariff sheets suspended the effective date of Quintelco's revised interexchange tariff sheets to February 21, 1998 to coincide with the effective date of the previously filed interexchange tariff sheets. The Commission also gave Quintelco 30 days to further amend its application to correct the remaining deficiency.

Quintelco filed its second amended application on February 2, which was approximately 60 days after the Commission's second order rejecting and suspending Quintelco's tariff sheets. Quintelco has removed its request for certification to provide local telecommunications services from this case and initiated a separate case to request a local certificate. The second amended application filed in this case limits Quintelco's request to a certificate of service authority to provide interexchange telecommunications services. Quintelco has incorporated by reference its previous interexchange tariff sheets, which bear an effective date of February 21. The Commission sent notice of the amended application on February 18, and interested persons have until March 5 to apply for intervention. Therefore, in order to grant proper parties an opportunity to participate in this case, the Commission finds that it should suspend Quintelco's tariff sheets for an additional 60 days.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

1. That the effective date of the following tariff sheets filed by Quintelco, Inc., on September 9, 1997, are suspended as amended to April 22, 1998, or until otherwise ordered by this Commission:

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M.P.S.C. TARIFF NO. 1 ORIGINAL SHEET 1 FIRST REVISED SHEET 2 ORIGINAL SHEETS 3 THROUGH 24 FIRST REVISED SHEET 25 ORIGINAL SHEETS 26 THROUGH 27 FIRST REVISED SHEET 28 ORIGINAL SHEET 29 FIRST REVISED SHEET 30

2. That this order shall become effective on February 19, 1998.

BY THE COMMISSION

Hoke Hredy Roberts

Dale Hardy Roberts Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

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

Randles, Regulatory Law Judge

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