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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of McLeodUSA)
Telecommunications Services, Inc. for a Certificate)
of Service Authority to Provide Basic Local Tele-) Case No. TA-98-288
communications Service and Local Exchange Telecom-)
munications Service in the State of Missouri.)
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ORDER AND NOTICE

McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, Inc. (McLeodUSA Telecom) filed an application on January 14, 1998, for a certificate of service authority to provide basic local telecommunications service and local exchange telecommunications service in the State of Missouri under 4 CSR 240-2.060(4). Specifically, McLeodUSA Telecom wishes to provide facilities-based and resold services in all the exchanges currently served by Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, GTE Midwest Incorporated, and United Telephone Company of Missouri, d/b/a Sprint. McLeodUSA Telecom asked to be classified as a competitive company and receive a lesser degree of regulation as permitted by Sections 392.361 and 392.420, RSMo.¹ McLeodUSA Telecom requested a temporary waiver of 4 CSR 240-2.060(4)(H) that requires an applicant to file a tariff simultaneously with its application until it has executed interconnection agreements with the underlying CLECs and those agreements have been approved by the Commission. Finally, McLeodUSA Telecom requested waiver of the following statutes and Commission rules:

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

Statutes

392.210.2
392.270
392.280
392.290.1
392.300.2
392.310
392.320
392.330
392.340

Commission Rules

4 CSR 240-10.020
4 CSR 240-30.040
4 CSR 240-35

The Commission finds that notice of this application should be sent to all certificated Missouri telecommunications companies, and that interested parties should have the opportunity to intervene. Applications to intervene should be submitted by February 17, 1998, to the Executive Secretary of the Missouri Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 360, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102, and copies sent to:

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If no one requests a hearing, the Commission may determine that no hearing is necessary and grant the authority requested based on the verified petition. State ex rel. Rex Deffenderfer Enterprises, Inc. v. Public Service Commission, 776 S.W.2d 494, 496 (Mo. App. 1989).

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the Records Department of the Commission shall send notice of this application to all certificated Missouri telecommunications companies.

2. That parties wishing to intervene shall file an application to intervene no later than February 17, 1998.

3. That this order shall become effective on January 15, 1998.

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dale Hardy Roberts".

Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

(S E A L)

Amy E. Randles, 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 15th day of January, 1998.

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