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AND EXCUSING THE FILING OF ADDITIONAL TARIFFS

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notice by April 27, 1998 if it does not have approved tariffs on file with the Commission that provide for service under the same rates, rules and regulations as the tariffs of Interlink Telecommunications, Inc." The Commission's order also directed Staff to file a supplemental memorandum addressing whether IOS has approved tariffs with the Commission that provide for service under the same rates, rules and regulations as the tariffs of Interlink. Staff filed the requested supplemental memorandum on March 26. Staff concluded that IOS does have approved tariffs which include debit card service but that IOS' debit card service is not offered under the same rates, rules and regulations as the debit card service offered by Interlink.

The Commission, on September 29, issued an Order Directing Filing of Tariffs which ordered IOS to file tariffs regarding the prepaid debit cards that it agreed to honor on behalf of Interlink. IOS responded to that order by filing a written response on December 10. In its response, IOS stated that it has reviewed its tariffs on debit card services and suggests that its existing tariffs provide for debit card services under substantially the same rates, terms and conditions as those in Interlink's tariffs. IOS' rates are somewhat lower than those of Interlink. With respect to other terms and conditions under which debit cards are offered, IOS represents that its own tariffs differ from those of Interlink only minimally, such that from the customer's perspective the services appear identical. IOS further represents that no former Interlink customer has filed a complaint with the Commission

over the transfer to IOS' service and that the Interlink debit cards in question are those that had been sold by Interlink prior to its acquisition. The vast majority of such cards that were still active with unused minutes at the time of acquisition in late 1997 have since either expired or been used to the extent that the current number of cards with unused time is de minimis.

The Commission has considered the response filed by IOS and has concluded that requiring IOS to file additional tariffs in this matter would not be in the public interest. Therefore, IOS will be relieved of any obligation to file additional tariffs regarding the prepaid debit cards that it agreed to honor on behalf of Interlink. The Commission also finds that the interexchange certificate and tariff granted to Interlink in Case No. TA-96-217 shall be canceled.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the interexchange certificate and tariff granted to Interlink Telecommunications, Inc. in Case No. TA-96-217 are canceled.
2. That all prior orders of the Commission directing Intellicall Operator Services to file additional tariffs regarding the prepaid debit cards that it agreed to honor on behalf of Interlink Telecommunications, Inc. are set aside.
3. That this order shall become effective on January 8, 1999.

4. That this case may be closed on January 9, 1999.

BY THE COMMISSION

Dale Hardy Roberts

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Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

(S E A L)

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

Woodruff, Regulatory Law Judge

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