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Mr. Dale Hardy Roberts Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge Missouri Public Service Commission P. O. Box 360 Jefferson City, MO 65102

RE: Case No. TA-2000-229

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed for filing in the above-captioned case are an original and eight (8) 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**

### OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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In the Matter of the Application of Fidelity Communication Services II, Inc. for a Certificate of Service Authority to Provide Basic Local Telecommunications Services in Portions of the State of Missouri and for Competitive Classification.

Case No. TA-2000-229

#### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

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

In the attached Memorandum, which is labeled Appendix A, the Staff recommends that

the Missouri Public Service Commission issue an order approving the proposed tariffs of Fidelity

Communication Services II, Inc., as listed in the attached Memorandum, to become effective

December 28, 2000, for the reasons stated therein.

Respectfully submitted,

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### **Certificate of Service**

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed or hand-delivered to all counsel or parties of record as shown on the attached service list this 18th day of December 2000.

Bruce H. Bates

# **MEMORANDUM**

To: Missouri Public Service Commission Official Case File Tariff File No. 200100543 and 200100544 Case No. TA-2000-229 Fidelity Communications Services II, Inc.

From: Sherri MurphySM Telecommunications Department

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Subject: Staff Recommendation to Approve Proposed Basic Local Exchange Tariff and Access Tariff

Date: December 11, 2000

Fidelity Communications Services II, Inc. (FCSII), was granted certificate of service authority to provide basic local and exchange access telecommunications services on November 30, 1999, in Case No. TA-2000-229. The Commission ordered FCSII to file proposed tariff sheets within 30 days after the effective date of a Commission order approving an interconnection agreement. FCSII has an interconnection agreement with GTE Midwest Incorporated (GTE) which was approved by this Commission on August 10, 2000 (Case NO. TO-2000-758). On September 18, 2000, FCSII filed a Motion for Extension of Time to File Tariff. The Commission issued its Order Granting Motion for Extension of Time to File Tariff on September 29, 2000. On November 13, 2000, FCSII filed its proposed basic local and access tariffs, PSC Mo Nos. 1 and 2, respectively. At the request of the Telecommunications Department Staff (Staff), FCSII filed substitute sheets on December 6, 2000.

FCSII's proposed basic local exchange tariff, as amended, conforms to the standards set forth in the Commission's Order in Case No. TA-2000-229. Fidelity will be providing basic local exchange telecommunications services on both a facilities and resold basis throughout all exchanges served by GTE. FCSII's tariff reflects that Bourbon, Cuba and St. James are the only exchanges FCSII proposes to serve at this time.

FCSII's proposed tariffs contain lists of the waivers approved by the Commission in its Order in Case No. TA-2000-229. The proposed tariffs are similar to other CLEC tariffs previously approved by the Commission. FCSII's proposed tariffs concur to a great extent to Fidelity Communications Services I, Inc.'s tariffs which were approved by this Commission in Case No. TA-2000-191.

FCSII's proposed access service tariff covers the provision of access services to intrastate interexchange customers. In accordance with Commission policy, FCSII's proposed access rates can be no higher than those of the incumbent local exchange company, GTE Midwest Incorporated d/b/a Verizon Midwest (GTE-Ver). GTE-Ver's Tariff File No. 200100424 reduces those access rates

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effective December 29, 2000. Even though FCSII's access tariff has a proposed December 28, 2000, effective date, it reflects GTE's December 29, 2000 access rates.

The Staff has no objections to FCSII's proposed tariffs, as amended, and recommends that the Commission issue an order to approve the following tariffs to become effective December 28, 2000:

Fidelity Communications Services II, Inc. P.S.C. MO No. 1

Section 1, Original Sheet 1A Section 1, Original Sheet 1B Section 2, Original Sheet 1 Section 3, Original Sheet 1 Section 4, Original Sheet 1 Section 5, Original Sheets 1-2 Section 6, Original Sheets 1-4

Fidelity Communications Services II, Inc. P.S.C. MO No. 2

Section 1, Original Sheet 1 Section 2, Original Sheet 1 Section 3, Original Sheet 1 Section 4, Original Sheet 1 Section 5, Original Sheets 1-5 Section 6, Original Sheets 1-7

The Staff is unaware of any other filing which affects or which would be affected by this filing.

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