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Mr. Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge
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RE: Case No. TA-2000-260

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed for filing in the above-captioned case are an original and fourteen (14) 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

Missouri Public Service Commission

In the Matter of the Application of SBC)	
Advanced Solutions, Inc. for a Certificate)	
of Authority to Provide Advanced)	Case No. TA-2000-260
Telecommunications Within the State of)	
Missouri.)	

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 approve SBC Advanced Services, Inc.'s (Applicant) proposed tariffs MO. P.S.C. No. 1, Original Sheets 1-70 and MO. P.S.C. No. 2, Original Sheets 1-79, for the reasons stated therein.



Respectfully submitted,

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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 26th day of January 2000.

Bruce H. Bates

MEMORANDUM

To:

Missouri Public Service Commission Official Case File

Tariff File No. 200000460

Case No. TA-2000-260

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Tariffs for Advanced Services

Date:

January 25, 2000

MO. P.S.C. No. 1, Original Sheets 1-70 and MO. P.S.C. No. 2, Original Sheets 1-79

On November 15, 1999, SBC Advanced Services, Inc. (ASI), a competitive interexchange carrier (IXC) and non-switched local exchange carrier, submitted tariffs proposing to comprise its advanced services and access services tariffs. On December 10, 1999, ASI submitted substitute sheets at the Telecommunications Department Staff's (Staff's) request to make minor changes in the proposed tariff sheets. On January 11, 2000, and again on January 12, 2000, ASI submitted additional substitute sheets at Staff's request making further minor changes. On December 13, 1999, ASI extended the effective date of the proposed tariffs to January 30, 2000. At Staff's request, ASI again extended the effective date to February 7, 2000 on January 12, 2000.

The Commission granted to ASI certificates of authority to provide intrastate interexchange telecommunications services and to provide local exchange telecommunications services on November 8, 1999, such certificates to become effective upon filing and approval of its tariffs.

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC), in its order released October 8, 1999, stated the following:

> SBC/Ameritech shall provide all Advanced Services in the SBC/Ameritech Service Area through one or more affiliates that are structurally separate from the SBC/Ameritech incumbent LECs in accordance with the provisions and schedule set forth below. As described below, Ameritech and SBC shall establish separate Advanced Services affiliates prior to the Merger Closing Date. Upon receiving state approval of any necessary interconnection agreements and obtaining any necessary state authority or certification, SBC/Ameritech shall transition the provisioning of Advanced Services to one or more separate Advanced Services affiliates. Nothing in this Section I is intended to prohibit SBC/Ameritech's separate Advanced Services affiliates from providing services that are not Advanced Services in accordance with any applicable federal or state laws or regulations (FCC 99-279, Appendix C, I.1.).

The FCC went on to define "advanced services" as

Appendix A

... intrastate or interstate wireline telecommunications services, such as ADSL, IDSL, xDSL, Frame Relay, Cell Relay and VPOP-Dial Access Service (an SBC Frame Relay-based service) that rely on packetized technology and have the capability of supporting transmissions speeds of at least 56 kilobits per second in both directions. This definition of Advanced Services does not include (1) data services that are not primarily based on packetized technology, such as ISDN, (2) x.25-based and x.75-based packet technologies, or (3) circuit switched services (such as circuit switched voice grade service) regardless of the technology, protocols or speeds used for the transmission of such services (Ibid, I.2.).

Staff has reviewed ASI's proposed tariffs and recommends approval. The tariffs closely parallel the sheets from the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (SWBT) tariffs where the services are currently offered. The pricing in ASI's tariffs did not change from that in SWBT's tariffs.

In a related filing, File No. 200000352, SWBT seeks to remove advanced services from its tariffs. SWBT has requested an effective date for the tariff sheets in File No. 200000352 of March 8, 2000 to allow time to transition the services from SWBT to ASI.

Service List for Case No. TA-2000-260 January 26, 2000

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