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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Investigation into the) Case No. TR-98-372
Earnings of Le-Ru Telephone Company.) (Tariff File 9900348)

ORDER APPROVING TARIFF

On October 8, 1998, the Commission issued an Order Approving Stipulation and Agreement which directed Le-Ru Telephone Company (Le-Ru) to file 30-day tariff sheets designed to implement the rate changes set out in the Stipulation and Agreement. Le-Ru filed the proposed tariff sheets on October 30. The proposed tariff sheets have an effective date of November 30. Le-Ru filed a substitute tariff sheet on November 6 in order to correct a typographical error.

The Commission's Staff (Staff) reviewed the tariff sheets in light of the Commission's Order and the Stipulation and Agreement. Staff filed a memorandum on November 17, recommending that the Commission approve the proposed tariff sheets. Staff determined that the proposed tariffs include the following rate changes:

- Eliminates the \$2.00 Touch Tone additive for Business 1-Party and Resident 1-Party service.
- Introduces a Directory Assistance (DA) rate of \$.45 per DA call. Customers will receive a maximum of two free DA calls per month, and may receive two telephone numbers per DA call. The DA charge is waived for certain customers.

- Reduces the Intrastate InterLATA Carrier Common Line (CCL) originating rate to \$.02671 per minute and reduces the terminating CCL rate to \$.04567 per minute.
- Replaces the two-level Intrastate IntraLATA CCL rate structure with a single originating rate of \$.02671 per minute and a single terminating rate of \$.04567 per minute.
- Replaces the Local Switching - LS2 rate and the Local Switching - LS1 rate with a single rate of \$.0271 for Local Switching.
- Eliminates the Line Termination charge of \$.0149 per minute.
- Eliminates the Directory Assistance Information Surcharge of \$.0397 per 100 access minutes.
- Reduces various charges for Billing and Collection Service.

Staff notes that Le-Ru proposes to correct some minor typographical errors, and to remove language regarding a \$.20 per call charge for local calls in its Payphone Service. Staff states that this language is not necessary due to the FCC's payphone orders issued last year.

The Commission has reviewed the tariff sheets and Staff's memorandum and finds that the proposed tariff sheets conform to the Stipulation and Agreement issued by the Commission and should be approved to become effective on November 30.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the proposed tariff, tariff filing no. 9900348, filed by Le-Ru Telephone Company on October 30, 1998, and as substituted on November 6, 1998, is approved to become effective November 30, 1998. The tariff approved is:

P.S.C. MO NO. 2

Section I:

6th Revised Sheet No. 1, Cancels 5th Revised Sheet No. 1

1st Revised Sheet No. 2.6, Cancels Original Sheet 2.6

Section II:

2nd Revised Sheet No. 2.4, Cancels 1st Revised Sheet No. 2.4

Section III:

4th Revised Sheet No. 2, Cancels 3rd Revised Sheet No. 2

Original Sheet No. 2.1

P.S.C. MO NO. 2 CONSOLIDATED

Section II:

2nd Revised Sheet No. 2.1, Replaces 1st Revised Sheet No. 2.1

P.S.C. MO NO. 3 CONSOLIDATED

Section II:

3rd Revised Sheet No. 2.1.1, Cancels 2nd Revised Sheet No. 2.1.1

2. That this order shall become effective on November 30, 1998.

BY THE COMMISSION



Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

(S E A L)

Vicky Ruth, 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 24th day of November, 1998.

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