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Mr. Dale Hardy Roberts
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RE: Case No. TA-2001-699

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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In the Matter of the Application of Big)
River Telephone Company, LLC, for)
Certificates of Service Authority to)
Provide Basic Local, Local Exchange,)
Exchange Access and Interexchange)
Telecommunications Services and in the)
State of Missouri and to Classify Said)
Services and the Company as Competitive)

Case No. TA-2001-699

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

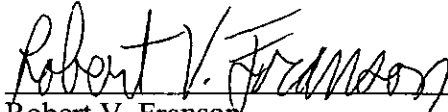
COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) and for its recommendation in this matter respectfully states:

1. Staff filed its Staff Recommendation on August 6, 2001. Counsel for Staff has since learned that two pages of the Staff Memorandum were inadvertently not filed. Those two pages are attached to this pleading and are labeled Appendix B.

WHEREFORE, Staff recommends that the Commission grant Big River Telephone Company, LLC, certificates to provide interexchange telecommunications services and local exchange telecommunications services restricted to dedicated, private line services, grant Applicant competitive classification, grant a temporary waiver of 4 CSR 2.060(6)(C), and approve all of the standard waivers for competitive basic local exchange and interexchange carriers with all of the conditions set forth in its Staff Recommendation and the attached Appendix B.

Respectfully submitted,

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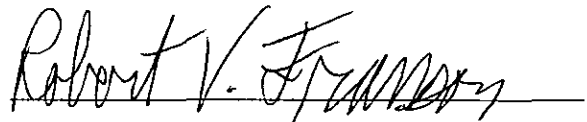


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Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed or hand-delivered to all counsel of record as shown on the attached service list this 8th day of August 2001.



Review Items for IXC, Non-switched Local and CLEC Certificate Applications (as required by 4 CSR 240-2.060):

- Proper Secretary of State authorization
- Statement of character of business performed.
- Statement declaring no pending action or final unsatisfied judgments
- Statement declaring no overdue annual reports/assessment fees (if already certificated).
- Application includes an affidavit.
- The applicant is requesting waivers of rules or statutes previously granted to a competitively classified company

(as required by 392.430/.440):

- Application shows that grant of authority is in the public interest.

Additional Review Items for CLEC Applications (as required by 392.455):

- Possesses sufficient technical, financial and managerial resources and abilities.
- Identifies geographic area (no smaller than an exchange).
- Statement that applicant will offer basic local service as a separate and distinct service.
- Statement that applicant will give equitable access to all Missourians.

Tariff Review Items (applicable for all competitively classified companies):

- Properly formatted: (Company name, PSC MO No., Page #, Page revision #, proposed effective date)
- Identifies competitive classification.
- Identifies waivers granted.
- ICB pricing, if proposed, limited for private line, special access or Centrex-like services. (392.200(8)).
- Proposed rates do not establish geographic deaveraged rates (if not checked, explain in attachment). (392.200(4)).
- If an alternative operator service provider (receives more than 40% of revenues from traffic aggregators) operator service rates do not exceed: Person-to-Person (\$10.00), Station-to-Station/card (\$5.50). (392.515(1))

Tariff Review Items (applicable only for CLECs):

- Interconnection agreement approved (if not checked, explain in attachment).
- Tariff clearly indicates areas offering local service area (392.451.2(1) (____ SWB, ____ Verizon, ____ Sprint, ____ Spectra, ____ Other ____).)
- Tariff offers local service as a separate and distinct service. (392.455(4))
- Switched access rates capped at ILEC's rates.

Attachment to Staff Recommendation
Big River Telephone Company, LLC
Case No. TA-2001-699

Big River Telephone Company, LLC (Big River or Company), Filed a *Motion for Expedited Treatment* on June 20, 2001, asking that the Commission expedite its handling of the Application in the instant case, and issuing its decision before August 15, 2001. Also pending before the Commission is Big River's Application for Approval of the Transfer of Assets and Subscribers of LDD, Inc., for which Staff will be routing a separate recommendation, and for which the Company has also requested expedited treatment.

Staff has reviewed the *Motion for Expedited Treatment*. Staff has no objection to the Company's request for expedited treatment. Further, Staff has attempted to route its recommendation as soon as possible after passage of the intervention date.

Additionally, Staff notes that in Paragraph 1 of its Application for Certificates of Service Authority to Provide Basic Local, Local Exchange, Exchange Access, and Interexchange Telecommunications Service and for Competitive Classification (Application), the Company ". . . requests that the Commission grant it certificates of service authority to provide basic local, local exchange, exchange access, and interexchange telecommunications services . . ." Neither the Revised Statutes of Missouri nor the Commission's rules provide for a certificate of authority to provide exchange access alone. However, since the provision of basic local exchange service allows for the provision of exchange access, the grant to Big River of a certificate of authority to provide basic local exchange service will authorize it to provide exchange access.

**Service List for
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