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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of)
Tel-Link, L.L.C., for a Certificate of)
Service Authority to Provide Basic Local) **Case No. TA-98-176**
Telecommunications Service in the State of) **Tariff No. 9900737**
Missouri and to Classify Said Services and)
the Company as Competitive.)

ORDER APPROVING TARIFF

By Order issued on August 27, 1998, the Commission granted to Tel-Link, L.L.C. (Tel-Link) certificate of service authority to provide basic local exchange telecommunications services in Missouri. The Order waived the filing of a 45-day tariff as required by 4 CSR 240-2.060(4)(H) until 30 days after Tel-Link entered into a Commission-approved interconnection agreement to enable it to provide basic local exchange services. Tel-Link's certificate of service authority was to become effective upon the effective date of its approved tariffs.

The August 27, 1998 order also directed Tel-Link to file in the official case file the financial data submitted to the Staff of the Public Service Commission on July 22, 1998. On April 1, 1999, the Commission issued an order directing Tel-Link to comply with that aspect of the Commission's August 27, 1998 order. Tel-Link complied by filing the requested financial data on April 12, 1999.

The Commission approved Tel-Link's resale agreement with Southwestern Bell Telephone Company on October 20, 1998. Tel-Link did

not immediately file a proposed local tariff because it believed that the illustrative tariff submitted with its application for certificate of service authority had been approved.

Tel-Link filed tariff sheets on March 26, 1999, with an effective date of April 25, reflecting the rates, rules, and regulations it will use and the services it will offer. The effective date was extended to May 4. Tel-Link filed substitute sheets on April 9, 12, 15, 20 and 21, in order to make clarifications and bring its tariff into compliance with Commission rules and regulations.

The Commission's Staff reviewed the tariff sheets and filed a memorandum on April 23, recommending that the Commission approve them as amended by the substitute sheets. Staff stated that Tel-Link's local telephone service is provided through resale of services provided by an underlying carrier which enables the customers to place or receive calls to any calling station in the local calling area, access basic 911 emergency service if available in the customer's area, and where available, place or receive calls to toll free 8XX telephone numbers. Tel-Link's service cannot be used to originate calls to other telephone companies' caller-paid information services, for example 900 or 976 numbers. Tel-Link proposes to block long distance, collect calls, operator-assisted calls, directory assistance, third number billed calls, or any service that may be billed to the customer's telephone number. Tel-Link proposes to charge a monthly rate of \$49.00, with a nonrecurring charge of \$40.00 for basic local service. Staff recommended that the tariff be approved as amended to become effective on May 4.

The Commission has reviewed the tariff sheets and Staff's recommendation and finds that the tariff sheets, as amended, conform to the Commission's Order of August 27, 1998 and should be approved to become effective on May 4, 1999. The Commission concludes that the conditions stated in the August 27, 1998 Order for Tel-Link's certificate of service authority to provide basic local exchange telecommunications service have been satisfied and the certificate will take effect on May 4, 1999.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the tariff filed by Tel-Link, L.L.C. on March 26, 1999, and assigned tariff file number 9900737, is approved as amended to become effective on May 4, 1999. The tariff approved is:

MO P.S.C. Tariff No. 1

2. That the certificates of service authority granted to Tel-Link, L.L.C. on August 27, 1998, to provide basic local exchange telecommunications services shall become effective on May 4, 1999.

3. That this order shall become effective on May 4, 1999.

4. That this case shall be closed on May 5, 1999.

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dale Hardy Roberts". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "D".

Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

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Morris L. Woodruff, 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 3rd day of May, 1999.