

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of Business Telecom, Inc. d/b/a BTI for a Certificate of Service Authority to Provide Resold Basic Local Telecommunications Services in Portions of the State of Missouri and for Competitive Classification. )  
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) Case No. TA-98-552  
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ORDER APPROVING TARIFF

The Commission granted to Business Telecom, Inc., d/b/a BTI (BTI), a certificate of service authority to provide basic local exchange telecommunications services in Missouri on October 8, 1998. The order directed the company to file tariff sheets reflecting the rates, rules, and regulations it will use and the services it will offer, and provided that BTI's certificate would become effective concurrent with the effective date of the company's proposed tariffs. The order temporarily waived the filing of a 45-day tariff as required by 4 CSR 240-2.060(4)(H) until BTI entered into a Commission-approved interconnection agreement that enabled it to provide basic local services, and ordered BTI to file tariff sheets for approval no later than 30 days after the Commission approved the required interconnection agreement.

BTI's interconnection agreement with Southwestern Bell Telephone Company was approved by the Commission on December 29, 1998, in Case No. TO-99-130. On March 5, 1999, BTI was granted an extension of time in which to file its tariff sheets. BTI filed the required tariff sheets

on June 3, 1999, with an effective date of July 19, 1999. BTI extended the effective date of its tariff to July 26, 1999. BTI filed substitute sheets on June 30, 1999.

The Commission's Staff reviewed the tariff sheets and filed a memorandum on July 15, 1999. Staff stated that BTI proposes to offer basic local exchange service to both business and residential customers on a resale basis. According to Staff, BTI's customers will be able to place or receive calls to the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company exchanges listed beginning on Sheet 22 of the tariff. BTI's customers will also be able to access E-911 emergency service and local operator assistance. Other services will also be available for "a flat rate depending on the service" including direct inward dialing, automatic identified outward dialing, and hotline/warmline. The monthly rate for BTI's customers will depend on the rate group and will begin at \$16.85. BTI will also offer other vertical services such as call waiting and call number delivery.

Staff stated that it believes BTI's proposed tariff complies with the Commission's orders. Staff stated that it has no objection to the Commission approving BTI's tariff sheets as amended.

The Commission has reviewed BTI's proposed tariff and Staff's recommendation and finds that the tariff details the services and pricing it proposes to offer. The Commission finds that the proposed tariff should be approved as amended to become effective on July 26, 1999.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. That the tariff filed by Business Telecom, Inc., d/b/a BTI, on June 3, 1999, is approved as amended to become effective on July 26, 1999. The tariff approved is:

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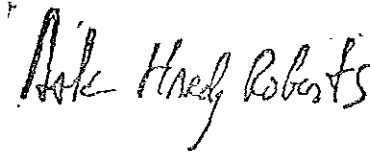
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2. That the certificate of service authority to provide basic local exchange telecommunications service granted to Business Telecom, Inc., d/b/a BTI, on October 8, 1998, shall become effective on July 26, 1999.

3. That this order shall become effective on July 26, 1999.

4. That this case may be closed on July 27, 1999.

**BY THE COMMISSION**



**Dale Hardy Roberts  
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge**

( S E A L )

Nancy Dippell, Senior 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 21st day of July, 1999.

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