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STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

At a Session of the Public Service
Commission held at its office
in Jefferson City on the 27th
day of January, 1998.

In the Matter of NYNEX Long Distance)
Company's Tariff Designed to Change) **CASE NO. TO-98-271**
Name d/b/a Bell Atlantic Long)
Distance.)

ORDER ACKNOWLEDGING CHANGE OF NAME AND APPROVING TARIFF

NYNEX Long Distance Company (NYNEX) filed a letter with the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) on December 30, 1997, indicating that it plans to do business in the State of Missouri under the fictitious name Bell Atlantic Long Distance (Bell Atlantic). In conjunction with its letter, NYNEX also submitted a copy of the Registration of Fictitious Name from the Missouri Secretary of State's Office, showing the registration of the new fictitious name. NYNEX filed an adoption notice reflecting the addition of the fictitious name with an effective date of January 29, 1997.

On January 20, 1998, the Staff of the Commission (Staff) filed a memorandum containing its recommendation. Staff notes that NYNEX filed a copy of its Registration of Fictitious Name from the Missouri Secretary of State's Office, and filed an adoption notice containing the new fictitious name. At the request of Staff, NYNEX submitted a substitute adoption notice on December 31, 1997. Staff states that it has reviewed the proposal of NYNEX and has no objections to the filing, and recommends that the Commission recognize the name change and approve the adoption notice.

The Commission has reviewed the official case file and Staff's recommendation, and finds it is in the public interest to maintain an

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accurate record of the name under which utilities are providing service. This will enable the Commission to better discharge its regulatory responsibilities, and will enable rate payers to ascertain the true identity of the regulated utility from which they receive service. The Commission further finds the proposed adoption notice reflecting the company's addition of a fictitious name, along with the Registration of Fictitious Name from the Secretary of State's Office, will enable the Commission to maintain accurate records with respect to this company. The Commission thus finds that it would be both reasonable and appropriate to acknowledge the change in the name of the company from NYNEX to NYNEX d/b/a Bell Atlantic, to approve the adoption notice, and to amend the certificate of service authority to reflect the addition of the fictitious name.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the Commission acknowledges the change in the name of the company from NYNEX Long Distance Company to NYNEX Long Distance Company d/b/a Bell Atlantic Long Distance.

2. That the certificate of service authority previously issued to NYNEX Long Distance Company on November 6, 1996 in Case No. TA-97-127 is amended to reflect the change in the company's name from NYNEX Long Distance Company to NYNEX Long Distance Company d/b/a Bell Atlantic Long Distance.

3. That the following adoption notice submitted by NYNEX Long Distance Company on December 30, 1997, as amended on December 31, 1997, is approved to become effective on January 29, 1998:

NYNEX Long Distance Company d/b/a Bell Atlantic Long Distance -- P.S.C. MO. No. 1

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4. That this order shall become effective on January 29, 1998.

5. That this case shall be closed on January 30, 1998.

BY THE COMMISSION



Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

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Lumpe, Ch., Crumpton,
Murray, and Drainer,
CC., Concur.

Bensavage, Regulatory Law Judge