## 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 October, 1995.

In the matter of a joint application of )
Telenational Communications Limited )
Partnership and MIDCOM Communications ) CASE NO. TM-96-37
Inc. for authority to transfer assets in )
the state of Missouri. )

## ORDER APPROVING SALE

Telenational Communications Limited Partnership (Telenational) and MIDCOM Communications, Inc. (MIDCOM) filed a joint application on August 4, 1995, requesting permission for a sale of Telenational's customer base to MIDCOM. Telenational is a Nebraska corporation certificated to provide intrastate interexchange telecommunication services in Missouri in Case No. TA-91-14. MIDCOM is a Washington state corporation certificated to provide intrastate interexchange telecommunication services in Missouri in Case No. TA-91-379. Both companies are classified as competitive telecommunications companies.

The transaction described in the joint application would allow Telenational to acquire MIDCOM's customer base only. No other assets or facilities belonging to Telenational will be transferred. Telenational does not wish to have its certificate or its tariff cancelled. Upon approval of the transaction MIDCOM would begin serving Telenational's former customers under the rates, terms, and conditions of its own Commission-approved tariff. The Application states that MIDCOM's rates are the same as, or lower than, Telenational's rates, and that the transaction

would not be detrimental to the public interest. The 266 Missouri customers of Telenational have been notified of the impending sale. Telenational and MIDCOM waived the standard ten-day effective date in their application.

The Staff of the Commission filed its Memorandum on October 6, 1995, recommending approval of the sale of assets. Staff stated that customers had been properly notified and that, since both interexchange service providers use the same underlying carriers, the quality and reliability of service should not be affected. Staff also stated that the two companies' rates are similar and that the customers will not incur any service charges in connection with the transfer. Staff recommended that the sale of assets be approved expeditiously.

Having reviewed the joint application of Telenational and MIDCOM, and Staff's memorandum, the Commission is of the opinion that the sale would not be detrimental to the public interest. The Commission finds that affected customers have been notified and that approval of the application would not result in loss of service or increased customer charges and the application should be approved.

## IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

- 1. That the joint application filed by Telenational Communications Limited Partnership and MIDCOM Communications, Inc. on August 4, 1995, is approved.
- 2. That Telenational Communications Limited Partnership is authorized to sell its customer base to MIDCOM Communications, Inc.
- 3. That once the sale has taken place MIDCOM Communications, Inc. shall serve former customers of Telenational Communications Limited Partnership under MIDCOM's own tariff.

4. That this order shall become effective on October 28,

1995.

BY THE COMMISSION

David L. Rauch Executive Secretary

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McClure, Kincheloe, and Drainer, CC., Concur. Mueller, Chm., and Crumpton, C., Absent.