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RE: Case No. TO-2000-274

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed for filing in the above-captioned case are an original and fourteen (14) 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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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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Service Commission

In the Matter of the Application of)
Advanced Communications Group, Inc.)
and Feist Long Distance Service, Inc. For)
Approval to Assign an Interconnection)
Agreement)

Case No. TO-2000-274

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

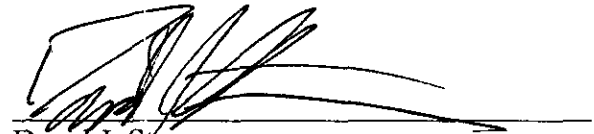
COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) and for its recommendation states:

1. In the attached Memorandum, which is labeled Appendix A, the Staff recommends that the Missouri Public Service Commission approve the assignment of Advanced Communications Group, Inc.'s ("ACG") interconnection agreement with Southwestern Bell Telephone Company ("SWBT") to Feist Long Distance Service, Inc. ("Feist").
2. Feist is a wholly owned subsidiary of ACG and the assignment conforms to the terms of ACG's interconnection agreement with SWBT.
3. SWBT has not filed any opposition to this assignment.
4. As ACG currently has no customers within the State of Missouri, this transaction will not affect any customers within the state.

WHEREFORE, Staff respectfully requests that the Commission issue an order approving the assignment of ACG's interconnection agreement to Feist.

Respectfully submitted,

DANA K. JOYCE
General Counsel

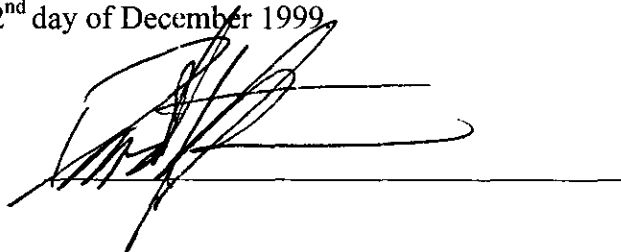


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MEMORANDUM

To: Missouri Public Service Commission Official Case File
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Advanced Communications Group, Inc. and Feist Long Distance Service, Inc.

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Subject: Staff Recommendation to Approve Assignment of Interconnection Agreement

Date: November 29, 1999

On October 13, 1999, Advanced Communications Group, Inc. (ACG) and Feist Long Distance Service, Inc. (Feist) filed a Joint Application for Approval to Assign an Interconnection Agreement. On October 22, 1999, the Commission issued its Order Directing Notice and Make Southwestern Bell Telephone Company a Party. The Order directs any parties wishing to request a hearing or to participate without intervention in this matter to file an application no later than November 12, 1999. It also directs Staff to file a memorandum advising either approval or rejection of the proposed assignment no later than December 9, 1999.

ACG was certificated to provide interexchange and local exchange telecommunications service in Case No. TA-98-332. ACG was certificated to provide basic local exchange telecommunications service in Case No. TA-99-49. ACG has an interconnection agreement with Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (SWB) which was approved by this Commission on February 10, 1999 in Case No. TO-99-291. According to the Joint Application, ACG has elected to focus on its directory publishing business and plans to exit the telecommunications business. Therefore, ACG no longer requires an interconnection agreement and requests Commission approval to transfer its interconnection agreement with SWB to its subsidiary, Feist. No customers or services will be affected by the assignment of the agreement because ACG has no customers in Missouri.

ACG and SWB's interconnection agreement contains an assignment clause that allows either party to assign the agreement to a corporate affiliate or an entity under its common control. The clause requires that either party notify the other in writing not less than 60 days in advance of the anticipated assignment. ACG provided a copy of the notice sent to SWB on September 2, 1999.

The Telecommunications Department Staff (Staff) believes that the assignment to Feist of ACG's rights and obligations under its interconnection agreement with SWB is in the public interest and should be approved. The assignment does not change the terms of the approved agreement. Staff recommends the Commission issue an order to approve the assignment of ACG's interconnection agreement with SWB to Feist at its earliest convenience. The Staff is unaware of any other filing which affects or which would be affected by this transaction.

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