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RE: Case No. TA-2000-240

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed for filing in the above-captioned case are an original and fourteen (14) conformed copies of **STAFF'S RESPONSE TO COMMISSION'S ORDER DIRECTING STAFF TO RESPOND.**

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

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In the Matter of the Application of Alma)
Long Distance, L.L.C. for a Certificate of)
Service Authority to Provide IntraLATA)
and InterLATA interexchange and Basic)
Interexchange Telecommunications)
Services.)

Case No. TA-2000-240

STAFF'S RESPONSE TO COMMISSION'S ORDER DIRECTING STAFF TO RESPOND

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Staff"), and for its Response to Order Directing Staff to Respond states to the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") as follows:

On September 17, 1999, Alma Long Distance, L.L.C. ("Alma") filed its Application for Certificate of Service Authority and Request for Expedited Treatment, in which it requested that its application and accompanying tariffs be approved and effective by October 5, 1999.

On September 23, 1999, the Commission ordered Staff to file a statement by September 27, 1999, advising the Commission as to whether or not it will be able to file, by October 4, 1999, a Staff recommendation regarding Alma's application.

Staff has begun review of Alma's application. Staff notes that Alma's Application is incomplete and contains some errors and that Alma will therefore have to file an Amended Application. Staff further notes that many of the proposed tariff sheets contain errors and will need to be replaced. Assuming that Staff receives the Amended Application and the revised

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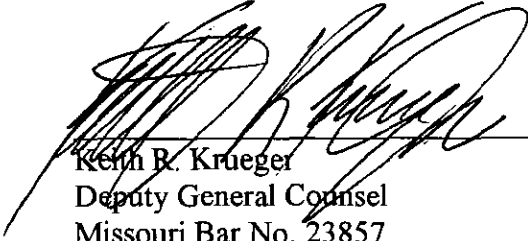
tariff sheets by the end of business on Tuesday, September 28, 1999, Staff will be able to file a Staff recommendation by October 4, 1999. However Staff emphasizes that this does not necessarily mean that its recommendation will be favorable.

Staff further notes that the Commission has not yet issued a Notice of Application in this case, nor has it granted an opportunity to intervene. It is therefore possible that the intervention deadline may not occur until after the October 20, 1999 effective date that Alma has requested in this case. Therefore, even if the Staff's recommendation is favorable, it is possible that Staff will recommend the granting of only a temporary certificate of authority, pending the outcome of any interventions that may be granted.

WHEREFORE, the Staff submits its statement that it will file a recommendation in this case by October 4, 1999, if Alma submits an Amended Application and revised tariff sheets by no later than September 28, 1999.

Respectfully submitted,

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Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed or hand-delivered to all counsel of record as shown on the attached service list this 27th day of September, 1999.



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