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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 4 day
of September, 1997.

In the Matter of Business Telecom, Inc. d/b/a)
BTI's Tariff to Increase Rates For Directory) Case No. TT-98-98
Assistance, Travel Service, Travel Service Plus,)
Mileage Sensitive Operator Service Rates, and)
Operator Service Charges.)

ORDER SUSPENDING TARIFF SHEETS

Business Telecom d/b/a BTI (BTI) submitted a tariff filing (File
No. 9800119) to the Commission for approval on August 7, 1997, with an
effective date of September 6. BTI's filing is designed to increase rates
for its Directory Assistance, Travel Service, Travel Service Plus, Mileage
Sensitive Operator Service Rates, and Operator Service Charges.

The Staff of the Commission (Staff) filed a Motion to Suspend on
September 2, stating that the tariff filing would violate Sec-
tion 392.500.2, RSMo 1994, which permits a competitive telecommunications
company to file rate increases only upon ten days written notice to all
potentially affected customers. Staff stated that Staff members have
requested copies of the customer notices from BTI representatives but no
copies have been submitted. BTI also failed to respond to Staff's request
that the company extend the effective date of its tariff sheets so proper
notice can be given. Therefore, Staff argues that the tariff sheets should
be suspended pending proper notification.

The Commission has reviewed BTI's tariff filing and Staff's
motion, and finds that there are questions of fact and of compliance with

the applicable statutes that need to be resolved before the Commission can approve the proposed tariff sheets. However, the Commission does not wish to institute a protracted suspension period and fully contested procedure if the matter can be resolved more efficiently. Accordingly, the effective date of the proposed tariff sheets will be suspended for 60 days, until November 5, 1997. The company shall file with the Commission copies of the customer notices required by Section 392.500.2, RSMo 1994, describing the tariffed rate changes and indicating that those changes will become effective on or before November 5, 1997. Commission Staff shall review the material provided by the company and file a memorandum advising whether the Commission should approve the tariff sheets.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the effective date of the following tariff sheets, submitted on August 7, 1997, by Business Telecom d/b/a BTI is suspended to November 5, 1997, or until otherwise ordered by this Commission:

MO PSC Tariff No. 2

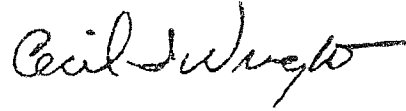
Second Revised Sheet 22, Canceling First Revised Sheet 22
First Revised Sheet 27, Canceling Original Sheet 27
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2. That Business Telecom d/b/a BTI shall file with the Commission copies of the required customer notices as described in this order no later than September 24, 1997.

3. That the Staff of the Commission shall review the notices and tariff sheets and file its recommendation no later than October 6, 1997.

4. That this order shall become effective on September 4, 1997.

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Cecil I. Wright".

**Cecil I. Wright
Executive Secretary**

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

ALJ: Wickliffe