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**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

In the Matter of the Application of)
the City of Springfield, Missouri,)
through the Board of Public Utilities)
for a Certificate of Service)
Authority to Provide Nonswitched Local)
Exchange and Intrastate Interexchange)
Telecommunications Services to the)
Public within the State of Missouri)
and for Competitive Classification.)

CASE NO. TA-97-313

**ORDER APPROVING TARIFF SHEETS
IN COMPLIANCE WITH COMMISSION ORDER**

The City of Springfield, Missouri, through its Board of Public Utilities (City Utilities or Applicant) filed its application for a certificate of service authority to provide nonswitched local exchange and intrastate interexchange telecommunications services on February 11, 1997. City Utilities filed tariff sheets numbered 1-28 with its application bearing an effective date of March 28. On February 20, the Commission issued its Notice of Applications and Opportunity to Intervene which set the intervention date for March 7. Five applications to intervene were filed on or before March 7.

The Staff of the Commission (Staff) filed its first memorandum in this case on March 17 and recommended that the Commission grant the certificates of service authority as requested and approve the tariff sheets filed by Applicant. Staff stated it did not oppose the applications to intervene filed by the various parties. The Commission issued its order granting interventions on March 21 and suspended the tariff sheets until July 26.

In order to resolve the issues, the parties filed their joint stipulation and agreement on June 19 along with an amended application and

an illustrative substitute tariff sheet number 9. Pursuant to the joint stipulation, Applicant agreed to substitute the revised tariff sheet number 9 for purposes of its final tariff filing in this case, and the parties agreed that the tariff sheets are in the public interest as amended and should be approved. Staff filed suggestions in support of the joint stipulation and agreement on July 8.

The Commission issued its Report and Order on July 11 in which it approved the joint stipulation and agreement and granted a certificate of service authority as requested by City Utilities. In its Report and Order, the Commission directed City Utilities to file its tariff sheets consistent with the joint stipulation and agreement no later than July 16 to become effective July 26. City Utilities filed its substitute tariff sheet number 9 on July 14. Ordered paragraph 5 of the Report and Order inadvertently directed Applicant to file tariff "sheets" for approval whereas only the single tariff sheet was required pursuant to the joint stipulation. In addition, the Report and Order should have specifically approved tariff sheets numbered 1-8 and 10-28 which were filed on February 11.

The Staff of the Commission (Staff) filed its second memorandum in the official case file on July 15 which indicated that tariff sheet number 9 filed by City Utilities was in compliance with the Commission's order. Staff recommended that the Commission issue an order approving the tariff sheet.

The Commission has reviewed the tariff sheets filed by City Utilities, the Staff's two memoranda, the joint stipulation and agreement, and the Staff's suggestions in support of the joint stipulation and agreement. The Commission finds that the tariff filed by City Utilities on February 11, as amended on July 14, is in compliance with the

Commission's Report and Order and the with the joint stipulation and should be approved.

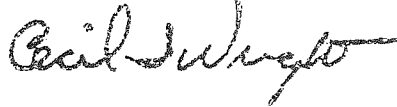
IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the following tariff filed by the City of Springfield, Missouri, through its Board of Public Utilities, on February 11, 1997, is approved as amended on July 14, 1997, to become effective on July 26, 1997:

P.S.C. Mo. No. 1

2. That this order shall become effective on July 26, 1997.

BY THE COMMISSION



**Cecil I. Wright
Executive Secretary**

(S E A L)

Gregory T. George, Administrative Law Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.120(1), (November 30, 1995) and Section 386.240, RSMo 1994.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 25th day of July, 1997.