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To: Missouri Public Service Commission Official Case File  
Case No: TA-2000-242 File No: 0000262  
Applicant: Northeast Missouri Long Distance, L.L.C.

Missouri Public Service Commission

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Utility Operations Division/Date General Counsel's Office/Date

Subject: Staff Recommendation for Approval of Temporary Certificate

Date: October 1, 1999

Date Assigned: 09/21/99

Staff Deadline: 10/04/99

The Telecommunications Department Staff (Staff) recommends the applicant be granted the following certificate(s), as indicated below, to be effective on the same date the tariff becomes effective:

- temporary certificate to provide interexchange telecommunications services.
  - certificate to provide local exchange telecommunications services.\*
- \*local exchange authority should be restricted to dedicated, private line services.

Staff recommends the applicant receive competitive classification. Furthermore, Staff recommends approval of the applicant's proposed tariff, PSC MO NO. 1, with a proposed effective date of 10/21/99. In addition, Staff recommends approval of the waivers listed in the Notice.

Is there an attachment to this recommendation indicating any additional recommendations or special considerations?  Yes  No

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- Director - Utility Operations Division
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**Application/Tariff Review Items**

No applications to intervene filed. NOTE: Intervention date has not passed.

**Application contains the following:**

- Proper Secretary of State authorization
- Request for classification as a *competitive telecommunications company*.
- All requested waivers are listed in the Notice and all requested waivers have previously been granted to other competitive companies.

**Proposed tariff:**

- Complies with PSC rules and statutes applicable to applicant.
- If operator services offered, operator services requirements are included.
- Includes "interexchange" tariff text if offers private line service w/o requesting a local certificate.
- If ICB pricing proposed, only for private line.
- If ICB pricing is offered, tariff includes standardized ICB text.
- Rate structures or service offerings are similar to existing IXC offerings. (In addition, tariff does not geographically de-average).
- If promotional offering text is included, it is standardized promotion text.
- Waivers listed in tariff match those listed in application and Notice.

**Services Offered in Initial Tariff**

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1+                   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Line |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 800/888/877 Services | <input type="checkbox"/> Debit Card              |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Directory Assistance | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Travel Card  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Operator Assistance  | <input type="checkbox"/> Other:                  |

Has proposed effective date been extended?  Yes  No

New effective date:

Have substitute tariff sheets been filed?  Yes  No

Date of substitute sheets: 09/27/99 and 09/30/99

From	Initials	Date	Revised
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## ATTACHMENT

Case No. TA-2000-242      File No. 0000262

Subject: Staff Recommendation to Grant Temporary Certificate of Service Authority and to Expedite Determination of Granting of Final Certificate of Service Authority

Date: October 1, 1999

On September 20, 1999, Northeast Missouri Long Distance (NMLD), an affiliate of Northeast Missouri Rural Telephone Company (NMRTC), filed with the Commission an Application for Certificate of Service Authority to provide intraLATA and interLATA interexchange and basic interexchange telecommunications services. On the same date, NMLD also filed a Motion for Expedited Treatment of its Petition for modification of its ILDP plan. NMLD is seeking expedited treatment because of (1) the short time constraints created by the fact AT&T has not yet decided to provide 1+ intraLATA service; (2) the need to make modifications to NMRTC's ILDP plan before October 20, 1999; and (3) the necessity to give customers timely notification. NMLD requests expedited consideration and approval of its Application for Certificate of Service Authority and accompanying tariff on or before October 5, 1999.

In its Application for Certificate of Service Authority, NMLD seeks authority to provide intraLATA and interLATA interexchange and basic interexchange telecommunications services (toll services) within the state of Missouri, and the application requests classification as a competitive telecommunications company. NMLD states that approving its applications would promote competition and be in the public interest, and therefore, requests the Commission to waive the statutes and rules previously waived for other competitive interexchange carriers. NMLD's proposed tariff, with an effective date of October 21, 1999, sets forth the initial terms and conditions under which NMLD will provide interexchange services; and its proposed services and rate structures are similar to the offerings of existing interexchange carriers.

At the request of the Staff, NMLD filed an amended application on September 27, 1999, and submitted substitute tariff sheets on September 27 and 30, 1999, correcting typographical errors, language omissions, and inconsistent listing of waivers in the application and tariff.

The Staff has no objections to the application and tariff, as amended, and recommends the Commission issue an order to grant NMLD a temporary certificate of service authority to provide intraLATA and interLATA interexchange and basic interexchange telecommunications services. This temporary certificate would be in effect for a period that shall terminate on the earlier of the effective date of the Commission's final order ruling on the application for certificate of service authority or the one year anniversary of

applicant's request for competitive classification and request for waiver of certain Missouri statutes and Commission rules. If no parties intervene, Staff recommends the Commission to cancel the temporary certificate of service authority and issue a certificate of service authority.

If the Commission does not approve NMLD's application and tariff prior to October 5, 1999, NMRTC's customers who have not selected a primary intraLATA toll carrier (PIC) may be without 1+ intraLATA toll service. This fact, along with the fact that other parties have not had the opportunity to contest this application, is the primary reason Staff recommends issuance of a Temporary Certificate of Service Authority as the Commission is authorized to do so by §392.410.6, RSMo. Suppl. 1998. This statute provides:

The commission may issue a temporary certificate which shall remain in force not to exceed one year to assure maintenance of adequate service or to serve particular customers, without notice and hearing, pending the determination of an application for a certificate.

The Staff also recommends the Commission approve the following tariff sheets:

Northeast Missouri Long Distance, L.L.C. PSC Mo. No. 1  
Original Sheets 1-42

The Staff is unaware of any other filings which would affect or which would be affected by this filing.