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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 3rd
day of December, 1997.

In the Matter of HLC - Internet, Incorporated)
Tariff Designed to Change Name to Epoch Networks,)
Inc.)
CASE NO. TO-98-169

ORDER ACKNOWLEDGING CHANGE OF NAME AND
APPROVING TARIFF

HLC - Internet, Incorporated (HLC) filed a letter with the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) on October 20, 1997, indicating that its name had changed from HLC to Epoch Networks, Inc. (Epoch). In conjunction with its letter, HLC also submitted an Amended Certificate of Authority of a Foreign Corporation from the Missouri Secretary of State's Office. In addition, HLC filed a new tariff reflecting the change in the corporate name of the company. The new tariff bears an effective date of November 19. The effective date of the tariff was subsequently extended to December 5.

On November 25, the Staff of the Commission (Staff) filed a memorandum containing its recommendation. Staff notes that HLC filed a copy of its Amended Certificate of Authority of a Foreign Corporation from the Missouri Secretary of State's Office, and filed a new tariff containing the Epoch name. In addition, Staff indicates that the new tariff is intended to replace HLC's entire tariff, and contains no other textual or rate revisions other than the new name. At the request of Staff, HLC submitted substitute pages on November 14 and November 18. Staff states that it has no objections to the tariff filing as amended, and recommends that the Commission approve the new tariff effective December 5.

The Commission has reviewed the official case file and Staff's recommendation, and finds that it is in the public interest to maintain an accurate record of the name under which utilities are providing service. This will enable the Commission to better discharge its regulatory responsibilities, and will enable ratepayers to ascertain the true identity of the regulated utility from which they receive service. The Commission further finds that the new tariff reflecting the company's change of name, along with the Amended Certificate of Authority of a Foreign Corporation, will enable the Commission to maintain accurate records with respect to this company. The Commission thus finds that it would be both reasonable and appropriate to acknowledge the change in the corporate name of the company from HLC to Epoch, and to approve the new tariff reflecting the change in the name of the company.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the Commission hereby acknowledges the change in the corporate name of the company from HLC - Internet, Incorporated to Epoch Networks, Inc.

2. That the certificate of service authority previously issued to HLC - Internet, Incorporated on December 10, 1996 in Case No. TA-97-170 is hereby amended to reflect the change in the company's corporate name from HLC - Internet, Incorporated to Epoch Networks, Inc.

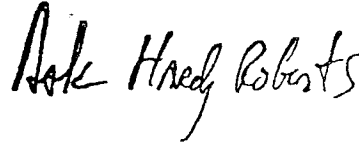
3. That the following new tariff filed by Epoch Networks, Inc. on October 20, 1997 is hereby approved as amended to become effective on December 5, 1997:

Epoch Networks, Inc., P.S.C. Mo. No. 1

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4. That this order shall become effective on December 5, 1997.

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Dale Hardy Roberts". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

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

Bensavage, Regulatory Law Judge