STATE OF MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

At a session of the Public Service Commission held at its office in Jefferson City on the 26th day of August, 2008.

Effective Date: September 5, 2008

Staff of the Public Service Commission of the State of Missouri,))
Complainant, v.))) <u>Case No. TC-2009-0008</u>
Global Touch Telecom, Inc.,)
Respondent.))

ORDER OF DEFAULT

Issue Date August 26, 2008

On July 2, 2008, the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission filed a complaint against Global Touch Telecom, Inc. In its complaint, Staff avers the following:

- Global Touch has not applied to the Missouri Secretary of State for authority to transact business in Missouri.
- Global Touch is a telecommunications company as defined by Section 386.020(51), RSMo Supp. 2007, and is a telephone corporation as that term is used in the statutes.
- Global Touch is offering and providing, or has been offering and providing, interexchange telecommunications service to approximately 200 customers in Missouri.
- Global Touch has neither applied for nor received a certificate of interexchange service authority.

- Global Touch has not remitted funds to the Missouri Universal Service Fund as required by Commission rules.¹
- Global Touch has never filed a statement of intrastate operating revenues or paid an assessment as required by Missouri law.²

Staff requests that the Commission make findings consistent with its averments and authorize the General Counsel of the Commission to bring an action in Circuit Court to recover from Global Touch the maximum statutory forfeiture allowed by Missouri law³ for each continuing violation.

On July 3, the Commission issued a notice of the complaint to both the legal department of the company and to the company's registered agent. On July 11 and 14, the Commission received certified mail receipts from both addresses. However, the company failed to respond to Staff's complaint.

Under Commission rules,⁴ if a respondent fails to file a timely answer to a complaint the Commission may deem the averments of the complaint admitted and enter an order of default. The Commission finds that the company has failed to respond to the complaint. The averments set out in Staff's complaint are deemed admitted. The Commission will therefore grant the requested relief and direct its General Counsel to seek penalties in Circuit Court.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. The Staff of the Commission's request for relief is granted.

¹ Commission rule 4 CSR 240-31.065 and 4 CSR 240-31.010(1).

² Section 386.370, RSMo.

³ Section 386.360, RSMo.

⁴ Commission rule 4 CSR 240-2.070 (9).

- 2. The General Counsel of the Missouri Public Service Commission shall bring an action in Circuit Court to recover from Global Touch Telecom, Inc., the maximum statutory forfeiture allowed under Missouri law for each continuing violation by the company.
 - 3. This order shall become effective on September 5, 2008.
 - 4. This case shall be closed on September 6, 2008.

BY THE COMMISSION

Colleen M. Dale Secretary

(SEAL)

Davis, Chm., Murray, Clayton, Jarrett, and Gunn, CC., concur.

Jones, Senior Regulatory Law Judge