

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

In the Matter of the Application of	)	
Direct Communications Long Distance, Inc.,	)	
For a Certificate of Service Authority to	)	<b>Case No. XA-2008-0051</b>
Provide Interexchange Telecommunications	)	Tariff No. YX-2008-0135
Services and to Classify Said Services as	)	
Competitive, and the Applicant as a	)	
Competitive Telecommunications Company	)	

**ORDER APPROVING INTEREXCHANGE CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**  
**AUTHORITY AND APPROVING TARIFF**

Issue Date: October 5, 2007

Effective Date: October 15, 2007

Direct Communications Long Distance, Inc. applied to the Missouri Public Service Commission on August 27, 2007, for a certificate of service authority to provide intrastate interexchange telecommunications services in Missouri under Section 392.440, RSMo 2000.<sup>1</sup> Direct Communications Long Distance asked the Commission to classify it as a competitive company and to waive certain statutes and rules as authorized by Sections 392.361 and 392.420. Direct Communications Long Distance is an Idaho corporation with its principal office located at 150 South Main, Rockland, Idaho 83271.

The Commission issued a Notice of Applications for Intrastate Certificates of Service Authority and Opportunity to Intervene on September 4, directing parties wishing to intervene to file their requests by September 19. No requests for intervention were filed.

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<sup>1</sup> All statutory references are to the Revised Statutes of Missouri (RSMo), revision of 2000, unless otherwise indicated.

Direct Communications Long Distance filed a proposed tariff in conjunction with its application with an effective date of October 15. Direct Communications Long Distance's tariff describes the rates, rules, and regulations it intends to use, identifies Direct Communications Long Distance as a competitive company, and lists the waivers requested.

In its Memorandum filed on October 4, the Staff of the Commission recommended that the Commission grant Direct Communications Long Distance a certificate of service authority, competitive status, and waiver of the statutes and rules listed in the Notice. Staff recommended that the Commission approve the proposed tariff to become effective on October 15.

The Commission finds that competition in the intrastate interexchange telecommunications market is in the public interest and Direct Communications Long Distance shall be granted a certificate of service authority. The Commission finds that the services Direct Communications Long Distance proposes to offer are competitive and Direct Communications Long Distance shall be classified as a competitive company. The Commission finds that waiving the statutes and Commission rules set out in the ordered paragraph below is reasonable and not detrimental to the public interest.

The Commission finds that Direct Communications Long Distance's proposed tariff details the services, equipment, and pricing it proposes to offer, and is similar to tariffs approved for other Missouri certificated interexchange carriers. The Commission finds that the proposed tariff shall be approved to become effective on October 15.

The Commission reminds the company that failure to comply with its regulatory obligations may result in the assessment of penalties against it. These regulatory obligations include, but are not limited to, the following:

A) The obligation to file an annual report, as established by Section 392.210, RSMo 2000. Failure to comply with this obligation will make the utility liable to a penalty of \$100 per day for each day that the violation continues. 4 CSR 240-3.540 requires telecommunications utilities to file their annual report on or before April 15 of each year.

B) The obligation to pay an annual assessment fee established by the Commission, as required by Section 386.370, RSMo 2000.

C) The obligation to comply with all relevant laws and regulations, as well as orders issued by the Commission. If the company fails to comply, it is subject to penalties for noncompliance ranging from \$100 to \$2,000 per day of noncompliance, pursuant to Section 386.570, RSMo 2000.

D) The obligation to keep the Commission informed of its current address and telephone number.

Furthermore, the company is reminded that, if it is a corporation, non-attorneys may not represent the company before the Commission. Instead, the corporation must be represented by an attorney licensed to practice law in Missouri.

In addition, the company is reminded that Section 392.410.5, RSMo Supp. 2006, renders the company's certificate of service authority null and void one year from the date of this order unless it has exercised its authority under that certificate.

**IT IS ORDERED THAT:**

1. Direct Communications Long Distance, Inc. is granted a certificate of service authority to provide intrastate interexchange telecommunications services in the state of Missouri, subject to all applicable statutes and Commission rules except as specified in this order.

2. The certification granted herein is conditioned upon the company's compliance with the regulatory obligations in this order.

3. Direct Communications Long Distance, Inc. is classified as a competitive telecommunications company. Application of the following statutes and regulatory rules is waived:

**Statutes**

- 392.210.2 - uniform system of accounts
- 392.240.1 - rates-rentals-service & physical connections
- 392.270 - valuation of property (ratemaking)
- 392.280 - depreciation accounts
- 392.290 - issuance of securities
- 392.300.2 - acquisition of stock
- 392.310 - stock and debt issuance
- 392.320 - stock dividend payment
- 392.330 - issuance of securities, debts and notes
- 392.340 - reorganization(s)

**Commission Rules**

- 4 CSR 240-10.020 - depreciation fund income
- 4 CSR 240-30.040 - uniform system of accounts

4. The tariff filed by Direct Communications Long Distance, Inc. on August 27, 2007, under tariff number YX-2008-0135, is approved to become effective on October 15, 2007. The tariff approved is:

**Direct Communications Long Distance, Inc.**  
**PSC Mo No. 1**

5. This order shall become effective on October 15, 2007.

6. This case shall be closed on October 16, 2007.

**BY THE COMMISSION**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Colleen M. Dale', written in a cursive style.

Colleen M. Dale  
Secretary

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Morris L. Woodruff, Deputy Chief Regulatory Law Judge,  
by delegation of authority pursuant  
to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,  
on this 5<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2007.