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

In the Matter of the Application of Global	)	
Tel*Link Corporation for Waiver of	)	File No. XE-2010-0247
Commission Rules and Statutes	)	Tariff No. YX-2010-0557

#### STAFF RECOMMENDATION

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission and for its recommendation states:

- 1. On February 26, 2010, Global Tel\*Link Corporation (the "Company"), filed an application for waiver of certain Commission rules and statutes, requesting that the Commission waive certain rules and statutory provisions pursuant to §392.420 RSMo Supp. 2008 and a proposed tariff listing the requested waivers.
  - 2. Section 392.420, as amended by H.B. 1779, states in relevant part that

    The commission is authorized, in connection with ... a certificate of interexchange service authority to entertain a petition to suspend or modify

interexchange ... service authority ... to entertain a petition to suspend or modify the application of its rules or the application of any statutory provision contained in sections 392.200 to 392.340 if such waiver or modification is otherwise consistent with the other provisions of sections 392.361 to 392.520 and the purposes of this chapter.

- 3. Section 392.245.5(8) does provide, however, that the Commission shall retain the authority to hear and resolve customer complaints based upon certain federal regulations and standards, the company's tariff, or Commission rules "other than those related to customer billing, network engineering and maintenance, and service objectives and surveillance levels or a failure to provide service in a manner that is safe, adequate, usual and customary in the telecommunications industry."
- 4. In addition to that retention of authority, the Staff notes that these waivers do not relieve the Company of any reporting or other obligations that arise from a source other than the waived rules or statutory provisions, such as undertakings made in a Stipulation or Agreement or as a merger or other condition.

5. The Company is an interexchange telecommunications company as that term is used in the statutory provisions recited above. In the attached Memorandum, labeled Appendix A, the Staff recommends the Commission grant the following waivers:

392.210.2 Accounting (system of accounts)

392.240.1 Rates

392.270 Accounting (valuation)

392.280 Accounting (depreciation/accounts)

392.290 Issuance of stocks, bonds and other indebtedness

392.300.1 Transfer of property and ownership of stock

392.310 Approval of issuing stocks, bonds and other indebtedness

392.320 Certificate of Commission to be recorded stock dividends

392.330 Disposition of proceeds of sales of stocks, bonds, notes, and other indebtedness

392.340 Reorganization

4 CSR 240-3.550(4) and (5)(A) Held order records, Quality of service reports.

4 CSR 240-10.020 Income on Depreciation Fund Investments

4 CSR 240-30.040 Uniform System of Accounts

4 CSR 240-32.060 Engineering and maintenance

4 CSR 240-32.070 Quality of Service

4 CSR 240-32.080 Service objectives and surveillance levels

4 CSR 240-33.040 (1) through (3) and (5) through (10) Billing and payment standards

4 CSR 240-33.045 Clear identification and placement of charges on bills

4 CSR 240-33.080 (1) Toll-free number for billing disputes

4 CSR 240-33.130 (1), (4), and (5) Operator service billing requirements

6. The Company is currently compliant in obligations relating to Commission assessment, Missouri Universal Service Fund, Relay Missouri, and the submission annual reports.

WHEREFORE, the Staff recommends that the Commission grant the Company the waivers requested in its Application and either approve the accompanying tariff or allow it to become effective by operation of law.

Respectfully submitted,

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#### MEMORANDUM

To: Missouri Public Service Commission Official Case File

Case No. XE-2010-0247 File No. YX-2010-0557 Company Name: Global Tel\*Link Corporation

From: Sara Buyak

Telecommunications Department

William Voight 3/11/10 Utility Operations Division/Date

Subject: Staff Recommendation to Approve Global Tel\*Link Corporation's

Request for Waivers.

Date: March 10, 2010

On February 26, 2010, Global Tel\*Link Corporation (Global) filed a Petition For Waiver of Commission Rules and Statutes and tariff sheet, PSC Mo. No. 2, 1<sup>st</sup> Revised Page 1, to exempt Global from certain statutory requirements and Commission rules. The requested waivers and a brief description of each are as follows:

Commission Rules (4CSR 240 - )	Brief Description	
3.550(4) and (5)(A)	Held order records, Quality of service reports.	
10.020*	Income on Depreciation Fund Investments	
30.040*	Uniform System of Accounts	
32.060	Engineering and maintenance	
32.070	Quality of Service	
32.080	Service objectives and surveillance levels	
33.040(1) through (3) and (5) through (10)	Billing and payment standards	
33.045	Clear identification and placement of charges on bills	
33.080(1)	Toll-free number for billing disputes	
33.130, sections (1), (4) and (5)	Operator service billing requirements	

Missouri Statutes	Brief description of Commission's authority
392.210.2*	Accounting (system of accounts)
392.240.1*	Rates
392.270*	Accounting (valuation)
392.280*	Accounting (depreciation/accounts)
392.290*	Issuance of stocks, bonds and other indebtness
392.300.1	Transfer of property and ownership of stock
392.310*	Approval of issuing stocks, bonds and other indebtness
392.320*	Certificate of Commission to be recorded stock dividends
392.330*	Account for disposition of proceeds of all sales of stocks, bonds, notes, and other indebtness
392.340*	Reorganization
* Rules and statues were previously waived	

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Global requests the Commission grant the waivers pursuant to Sections 392.245.5 (8), 392.420, 4 CSR 240-2.060, 4 CSR 240-2.080, and 4 CSR 240-3.015. The Telecommunications Department Staff (Staff) wishes to note that the waivers are the same or similar as those previously granted by the Commission to other carriers.

Under section 392.420, the Commission may approve these waivers "if such waiver or modification is otherwise consistent with the other provisions of sections 392.361 to 392.520 and the purposes of this chapter."

The Staff recommends because the requested waivers of the above-listed statutory and Commission rule provisions are consistent with the other provisions of sections 392.361 to 392.520 and the purposes of Chapter 392, that the Commission approve the request at its earliest convenience, and permit the tariff sheet to go into effect by operation of law.

The Staff is unaware of any other matter that may affect the matters in this case.

The Company is not delinquent in paying the PSC assessment.	
☐ The Company is delinquent: (☐ No annual report ☐ No US)	F 🛛 No Relay
Unpaid PSC assessment. Amount owed: )	

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In the Matter of the Application Tel*Link Corporation for Commission rules and Statute		) Case No. XE-2010-0247		
AFF	IDAVIT OF	Sara Buyak		
STATE OF MISSOURI	) ) ss:			
COUNTY OF COLE	)			
Sara Buyak, employee of the Missouri Public Service Commission, being of lawful age and after being duly sworn, states that she has participated in preparing the accompanying staff recommendation and that the facts therein are true and correct to the best of her knowledge and belief.  SARA BUYAK				
Subscribed and affirmed b	efore me this	10th day of March 2010.		



CASSIE M. MELLOWAY
My Commission Expires
October 30, 2011
Cole County
Commission #07337959