

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of McLeodUSA Telecommunications) **Case No. TT-2006-0474**
Services, Inc.'s Tariff Filing to Increase its Missouri) Tariff No. JC-2006-0788
Intrastate Access Rates.) Tariff No. JC-2006-0789

ORDER SUSPENDING TARIFF

Issue Date: June 21, 2006

Effective Date: June 23, 2006

On April 17, 2006, McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, Inc., filed a proposed tariff designed to increase its intrastate access rates. That tariff was assigned tracking number JC-2006-0788. McLeodUSA extended the effective date of its tariff twice at the request of the Commission's Staff to June 23, 2006.

On June 15, 2006, AT&T Communications of the Southwest, Inc., and AT&T Missouri (collectively, the "AT&T Companies") filed a Motion to Suspend and Investigate Tariff, resulting in the opening of this case. In their motion, the AT&T Companies contend that the proposed intrastate switched access service rates violate a condition of McLeodUSA's certification as a competitive provider in that they are above the rates charged by the directly competing local exchange company (LEC), and have not been shown to be cost-justified. On June 16, 2006, the Commission issued an order requiring its Staff to file a recommendation by June 20, 2006, and ordering all responses to the AT&T Companies' motion to be filed on or before that date.

On June 20, 2006, Staff responded to the AT&T Companies' motion and concurred in their position regarding the proposed rates. Staff recommended that McLeodUSA's proposed intrastate access tariff be suspended to allow further investigation.

On June 20, 2006, McLeodUSA filed its response in opposition to the AT&T Companies' motion, contending the motion should be rejected for filing errors, or in the alternative, denied. In its response, McLeodUSA further contended that it had provided Staff with the cost studies supporting the appropriateness of the proposed increase in intrastate access rates.

Absent action by the Commission, McLeodUSA's proposed intrastate access tariff will automatically go into effect at midnight on June 23, 2006. The Commission will initially suspend the tariff's effective date ten days, until July 3, 2006, to allow sufficient time to thoroughly analyze the verified pleadings before ruling on the AT&T Companies' motion.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. The tariffs filed on April 17, 2006, by McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, Inc., and assigned Tariff Nos. JC-2006-0788 and JC-2006-0789, are suspended for a period of ten days beyond June 23, 2006, to July 3, 2006, or until otherwise ordered by the Commission. The tariffs suspended are:

P.S.C. MO No. 6, Replaces P.S.C. MO No. 3

2. This order shall become effective on June 23, 2006.

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BY THE COMMISSION



Colleen M. Dale
Secretary

Cherlyn D. Voss, Regulatory Law Judge,
by delegation of authority pursuant to
Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 21st day of June, 2006.