

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

In the Matter of the Application of)
Missouri Network Alliance, L.L.C. for a)
Certificate of Service Authority to Provide)
Basic Local Telecommunications Service)
in Portions of the State of Missouri and to)
Classify Said Services and the Company)
as Competitive.)

Case No. CA-2005-0353

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

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

1. In the attached Memorandum, which is labeled Appendix A, the Staff recommends that the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) grant Missouri Network Alliance, L.L.C. (Applicant) a certificate to provide basic local telecommunications service with the conditions in the attached Memorandum. The Commission shall grant an application for a certificate of service authority to provide basic local telecommunications service upon a finding that the grant of authority is in the public interest (See § 392.430 and 392.440, RSMo 2000) and that the applicant has complied with the requirements of §§ 392.450 and 392.455 RSMo 2000.

2. Staff also recommends that the Commission classify the Applicant and its services as competitive. The Commission may classify a telecommunications provider or its services as competitive if the Commission determines it is subject to sufficient competition to justify a lesser degree of regulation. (See § 392.361 RSMo 2000). All the services a competitive company provides must be classified as competitive. (See § 392.361.3 RSMo 2000).

3. Staff further recommends that the Commission approve the waivers listed on the first page of the Notice of Applications. The Commission may waive the application of its rules and certain statutes if the Commission determines that waiver is consistent with the purposes of Chapter 392 RSMo. (See §§ 392.361.3 and 392.420 RSMo 2000 and § 392.185 RSMo 2000).

4. Lastly, the Staff states that it has no objections to the Applicant's proposed tariff, Missouri P.S.C. Tariff No. 2 with an effective date of May 20, 2005, taking effect. The Staff notes in the attached recommendation that although the Applicant proposes to offer basic local telecommunications services through its tariff, the proposed tariff does not contain rates for basic local services.

WHEREFORE, Staff recommends that the Commission grant the Applicant a certificate to provide basic local telecommunications services subject to the conditions in the Memorandum; grant Applicant competitive classification; approve the waivers listed in the Notice of Applications; and approve the Applicant's proposed tariff.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or electronically mailed to all counsel of record this 13th day of May 2005.

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