# BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of GC Pivotal, LLC for a Certificate of Service Authority to provide Local Exchange and Interexchange Telecommunications Services in Portions of the State of Missouri and to Classify Such Services and the Company as Competitive

File No. LA-2011-0297

# ORDER GRANTING APPLICATION

Issue Date: May 12, 2011 Effective Date: May 23, 2011 The Missouri Public Service Commission is granting the application for telecommunications service authority, competitive classification, and waiver of certain provisions of law.

### I. Procedure

Applicant is a Delaware limited liability company with its principal office located at 200 South Wacker Drive, Ste. 1650, Chicago, Illinois 60606. Applicant filed the application on March 23, 2011. On March 24, 2011, the Commission issued notice of the application and set a deadline for motions to intervene. The Commission received no motion to intervene. Staff filed the *Staff Recommendation* on April 29, 2011. Staff recommends granting the application subject to conditions set forth below. The Commission received no response to the recommendation. No law requires a hearing on the unopposed application,<sup>1</sup> so this action is not a contested case<sup>2</sup> and the Commission need not separately state its findings of fact.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> <u>State ex rel. Rex Deffenderfer Ent., Inc. v. Public Serv. Comm'n</u>, 776 S.W.2d 494, 496 (Mo. App., W.D. 1989).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Section 536.010(4), RSMo Supp. 2010.

#### II. Certification

Applicant asks that the Commission certify applicant to provide telecommunications services as described in the caption of this order. The Commission finds and concludes that the public interest supports granting that request.<sup>3</sup> Therefore, the Commission will grant the authority requested in the application.

### III. Competitive Classification

Applicant asks the Commission to classify applicant and its services as competitive. The Commission finds that competition in the relevant markets is in the public interest, and that the services that applicant proposes to offer are competitive.<sup>4</sup> Therefore, the Commission will classify applicant and its services as competitive.

#### IV. Waivers

Applicant asks the Commission to waive certain statutes and regulations. The Commission finds and concludes that waiving the statutes and regulations set out in the ordered paragraphs below is not detrimental to the public interest.<sup>5</sup> Therefore, the Commission will waive those provisions of law.

#### V. Other Matters

The Commission reminds the applicant 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 obligation to:

A) File an annual report, as established by Section 392.210, RSMo 2000.Failure to comply with this obligation will make the applicant liable to a penalty of\$100 per day for each day that the violation continues. 4 CSR 240-3.540

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Sections 392.430, RSMo 2000.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Sections 392.420 and 392.361.3 and .4, RSMo Supp. 2010.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Sections 392.245.5(8) and 392.361, RSMo Supp. 2010.

requires telecommunications utilities to file their annual report on or before April 15 of each year.

 B) Pay an annual assessment fee established by the Commission, as required by Section 386.370, RSMo 2000.

C) 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) Keep the Commission informed of its current address and telephone number. Also, the applicant is reminded that, if it is any entity other than an individual, non-attorneys may not represent the applicant before the Commission, and the applicant must be represented by an attorney licensed to practice law in Missouri. In addition, the applicant is reminded that Section 392.410.5, RSMo Supp. 2010, renders any certificate of service authority null and void one year from the date of this order unless it has exercised its authority under that certificate.

#### THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. Applicant is granted a certificate of service authority to provide interexchange telecommunications services subject to all applicable statutes and Commission regulations except as specified in this order.

2. Applicant is granted a certificate of service authority to provide local exchange telecommunications services, restricted to dedicated private line services, and subject to all applicable statutes and Commission regulations except as specified in this order.

3. Applicant is classified as a competitive telecommunications company and applicant's services are classified as competitive.

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4. The following statutes and Commission regulations shall be waived:

## Statutes (Sections, RSMo)

uniform system of accounts
rates-rentals-service & physical connections
valuation of property (ratemaking)
depreciation accounts
issuance of securities
transfer of property and stock
stock and debt issuance
stock dividend payment
issuance of securities, debts and notes
reorganization(s)

# Regulations

4 CSR 240-3.550(4) and (5)(A)	Records and Reports
4 CSR 240-10.020	Depreciation fund income
4 CSR 240-30.040	Uniform system of accounts
4 CSR 240-32.050(4)(B)	Provide Telephone Directories
4 CSR 240-32.060	Engineering, Maintenance
4 CSR 240-32.070	Quality of Service
4 CSR 240-32.080	Service Levels
4 CSR 240-33.040(1)-(3) and (5)-(10)	Billing and Payment
4 CSR 240-33.045	Charge on Bills
4 CSR 240-33.080(1)	Billing
4 CSR 240-33.130(1), (4) and (5)	Operator Service

In addition, a competitive local exchange carrier, operating in an exchange in which the

incumbent carrier does not automatically deliver a directory to the applicant's subscribers,

shall have a partial exemption from 4 CSR-32.050(4)(B) and may discharge its obligation to

distribute such directories by instructing its end-user customers to:

- a. contact the applicant for a copy of the directory (who will in turn forward the request to the incumbent carrier); or
- b. contact the incumbent carrier directly for a copy of the directory.

- 5. This order shall become effective May 23, 2011.
- 6. This file shall close on May 24, 2011.

# BY THE COMMISSION

Steven<sup>C</sup>. Reed Secretary

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Daniel Jordan, Senior Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation of authority under Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 12<sup>th</sup> day of May 2011.