

BEFORE THE MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the matter of the Application of)
Western Communications, Inc. for)
certificates of service authority to)
provide Basic Local, Local Exchange, Exchange)
Access, and Interexchange Telecommunications) Case No.
Services in the State of Missouri and to classify)
said services and the company as competitive.)

MOTION FOR EXPEDITED TREATMENT

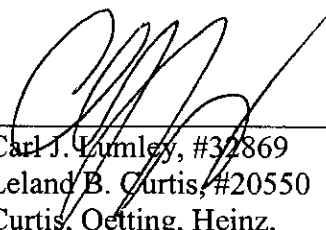
COMES NOW Western Communications, Inc. ("Western" or "Applicant"), pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.080(16) and for its Motion for Expedited Treatment states to the Commission as follows:

1. Applicant has herein filed an Application for Certificates of Service Authority to Provide Basic Local, Local Exchange, Exchange Access and Interexchange Telecommunications Services and for Competitive Classification.

2. An expedited decision herein is essential to afford Applicant full opportunity to conclude the planned acquisition of the assets and customer base of Logix Communications (described in the Application and to be submitted for approval by separate action) in a timely manner to enable a seamless transition in service providers without interruption of service. Applicant only recently concluded its negotiations with Logix and obtained oral approval of the bankruptcy court. Accordingly, it has filed its Application as soon as possible. Pursuant to agreements among, and representations made to the bankruptcy court by Logix, Western and other parties involved in the transition of customers and services, Applicant requests approval of the Application by August 23, 2002.

3. Applicant submits that there will be no undue negative effect on customers or the general public if the Commission acts as soon as possible and grants the requested relief.

WHEREFORE, Applicant respectfully requests the Commission to expedite its handling of the Application on this case and issue its decision in this case before August 23, 2002.



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