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RE: Case No. TA-2000-598

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed for filing in the above-captioned case are an original and eight (8) conformed copies of a **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**.

This filing has been mailed or hand-delivered this date to all counsel of record.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
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In the Matter of the Application of)
Universal Telecom, Inc., for a Certificate)
of Service Authority to Provide Basic)
Local Telecommunications Services in)
Portions of the State of Missouri and to)
Classify Such Services and the Company)
as Competitive.)

Case No. TA-2000-598

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

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

1. On October 11, 2000, the Commission granted to Universal Telecom, Inc. in this case a certificate to provide basic local telecommunications services subject to certain conditions including a limitation that the certificate of service authority become effective when the company's tariff becomes effective. In Case No. TO-2001-188, effective November 11, 2000, the Commission approved an interconnection agreement between Universal Telecom, Inc. and Sprint Missouri, Inc. d/b/a Sprint. In Case No. TO-2001-75, effective October 27, 2000, the Commission approved an interconnection agreement between Universal Telecom, Inc. and TDS Telecommunications Corporation. In Case No. TO-2001-84, effective October 7, 2000, the Commission approved an interconnection agreement between Universal Telecom, Inc. and Spectra Communications Group, LLC. In Case No. TO-2000-526, effective April 14, 2000, the Commission approved an interconnection agreement between Universal Telecom, Inc. and GTE Midwest Incorporated and GTE Arkansas Incorporated n/k/a Verizon. In Case No. TO-2001-

360 Universal Telecom, Inc. is seeking Commission approval of an interconnection agreement with ALLTEL Communications Service Corporation; that case is pending.

2. Universal Telecom, Inc. filed its initial tariff sheets in this case on October 4, 2000, with an original effective date of November 20, 2000. Universal Telecom, Inc. filed substitute tariff sheets on November 2, 2000; November 6, 2000; November 27, 2000; November 30, 2000; January 12, 2001 and January 17, 2001. Universal Telecom, Inc. extended the effective date of the tariff as follows: by letter filed November 13, 2000, Universal Telecom, Inc. extended the original effective date of the tariff from November 20, 2000, to December 8, 2000; by letter filed November 27, 2000, Universal Telecom, Inc. extended the tariff effective date from December 8, 2000, to December 13, 2000; by letter filed November 30, 2000, Universal Telecom, Inc. extended the tariff effective date from December 13, 2000, to December 20, 2000; by letter filed December 8, 2000, Universal Telecom, Inc. extended the tariff effective date to December 29, 2000; and, finally, by letter filed December 18, 2000, Universal Telecom, Inc. extended the tariff effective date from December 29, 2000, to January 26, 2001.

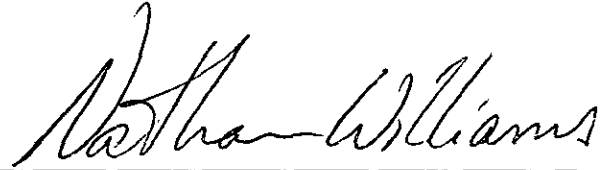
3. In the attached Memorandum, which is labeled Appendix A, the Staff recommends that the Missouri Public Service Commission approve the Prepaid Competitive Basic Local Exchange Service Tariff of Universal Telecom, Inc., PSC Mo. No. 1, Original Sheet No. 1 through 49, as revised by the submitted substitute tariff sheets. The Staff has reviewed the foregoing tariff and, as finally amended, believes it complies with the Commission's Order Granting Certification to Provide Basic Local Telecommunications Services issued October 11, 2000, entered in this case.

WHEREFORE, the Staff recommends approval of the Prepaid Competitive Basic Local Exchange Service Tariff of Universal Telecom, Inc., PSC Mo. No. 1, Original Sheet No. 1

through 49, as revised by the submitted substitute tariff sheets, with an effective date of January 26, 2001.

Respectfully submitted,

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General Counsel

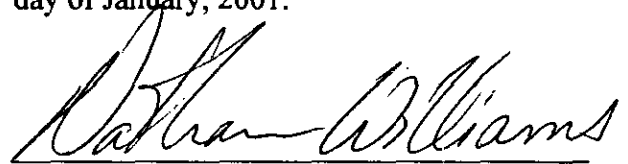


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I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed or hand-delivered to all counsel of record as shown on the attached service list this 18th day of January, 2001.



MEMORANDUM

To: Missouri Public Service Commission Official Case File
Tariff File No. 200100410 Case No. TA-2000-598

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Subject: Recommendation to Approve the Prepaid Competitive Basic Local Exchange
Service Tariff of Universal Telecom, Inc., PSC Mo. No. 1

Date: January 16, 2001

On October 11, 2000, The Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) issued an order granting Universal Telecom, Inc. (UTI), a Certificate of Authority to provide prepaid basic local and interexchange telecommunications services and classification of the company and its services as competitive. In the same order, the Commission ordered UTI to file tariff sheets within 30 days after the effective date of a Commission order approving an interconnection agreement allowing UTI to provide services. The Commission issued orders approving interconnection agreements between UTI and the following telecommunications carriers: Sprint Missouri, Inc. d/b/a Sprint (Case No. TO-2001-188, dated November 1, 2000); TDS Telecommunications Corporation (Case No. TO-2001-75, dated October 17, 2000); Spectra Communications Group, LLC (Case No. TO-2001-84); and Verizon f/k/a GTE Midwest Incorporated/GTE Arkansas (Case No. TO-2000-526, dated April 4, 2000).

On October 4, 2000, UTI submitted an original proposed prepaid Basic Local Exchange Services Tariff, PSC Mo. No. 1, to the Commission with issue and effective dates of October 6 and November 20, 2000, respectively. (The tariff was filed before issuance of the Commission's October 11 Order granting certificate approval.) On November 2, 2000, UTI submitted substitute pages correcting major portions of the proposed tariff. On November 6 and 30, 2000, UTI submitted substitute pages for additional corrections. UTI submitted extension letters on November 13, 27, 30, December 8 and finally on December 18 extending the effective date to January 26, 2001. On January 12, 2001, UTI submitted a final corrected tariff for approval, and on January 16 substitute pages were filed for additional corrections.

The Telecommunications Department Staff (Staff) has reviewed UTI's proposed prepaid basic local telecommunications services tariff and finds that it conforms to the Commission's October 11, 2000 order, including the listing of Commission-approved waivers. The proposed tariff is similar to those of other Competitive Local Exchange Carriers providing prepaid basic local services to residential and business customers.

Staff has no objections to UTI's proposed tariff, as amended, going into effect and recommends that the Commission issue an order approving PSC Mo. Tariff No. 1, Original Sheet 1 through Original Sheet 49.

Staff is unaware of any other filing that affects, or would be affected by, this filing.

Appendix A

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