

**STATE OF MISSOURI  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
JEFFERSON CITY**

**July 25, 2000**

**CASE NO: TA-2000-811**

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**Enclosed find certified copy of an ORDER in the above-numbered case(s).**

**Sincerely,**

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**Dale Hardy Roberts**  
**Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge**

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

In the Matter of the Application of TDS Long       )  
Distance Corporation for a Certificate of       )  
Service Authority to provide Interexchange       ) **Case No. TA-2000-811**  
and Local Exchange Telecommunications       ) **Tariff No. 200001149**  
Services and to Classify Said Services and       )  
the Company as Competitive.                       )

**ORDER APPROVING INTEREXCHANGE AND NONSWITCHED LOCAL EXCHANGE**  
**CERTIFICATES OF SERVICE AUTHORITY AND ORDER APPROVING TARIFF**

TDS Long Distance Corporation (TDS) applied to the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) on June 9, 2000, for certificates of service authority to provide intrastate interexchange and nonswitched local exchange telecommunications services in Missouri under Sections 392.410-.450, RSMo 1994, and RSMo Supp. 1999.<sup>1</sup> TDS asked the Commission to classify it as a competitive company and to waive certain statutes and rules as authorized by Sections 392.361 and 392.420. TDS is a Delaware corporation with its principal office located at 301 South Westfield Road, Madison, Wisconsin 53717.

The Commission issued a Notice of Applications for Intrastate Certificates of Service Authority and Opportunity to Intervene on June 27, 2000, directing parties wishing to intervene to file their requests by July 15, 2000. The requirement for a hearing is met when the opportunity for hearing has been provided and no proper party has requested the opportunity to present evidence. State ex rel.

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<sup>1</sup> All further statutory references are to the Revised Statutes of Missouri 1994 unless otherwise indicated.

Rex Deffenderfer Enterprises, Inc. v. Public Service Commission,  
776 S.W.2d 494, 496 (Mo. App. 1989). Since no one has asked permission to intervene or requested a hearing, the Commission may grant the relief requested based on the application.

TDS filed a proposed tariff in conjunction with its application and filed substitute sheets on June 27, 2000, and July 5, 2000. The tariff's effective date is August 1, 2000. TDS's tariff describes the rates, rules, and regulations it intends to use, identifies TDS as a competitive company, and lists the waivers requested. TDS intends to provide interexchange and nonswitched local exchange telecommunications services including 1+, 800/888/877 Services, Directory Assistance, Operator Assistance, Debit Card and Travel Card services.

In its memorandum filed on July 20, 2000, the Staff of the Commission (Staff) stated that TDS's proposed services are similar to existing IXC offerings. Staff recommended that the Commission grant TDS a certificate of interexchange service authority, and a certificate of service authority for local exchange telecommunications services on condition that this authority be restricted to providing dedicated private line services. Staff recommended that the Commission grant TDS competitive status, and waiver of the statutes and rules listed in the Notice. Staff recommended that the Commission approve the proposed tariff as amended to become effective on August 1, 2000.

The Commission finds that competition in the intrastate interexchange and nonswitched local exchange telecommunications

markets is in the public interest and TDS should be granted certificates of service authority. The Commission finds that the services TDS proposes to offer are competitive and TDS should be classified as a competitive company. The Commission finds that waiving the statutes and Commission rules set out in the ordered paragraph below is reasonable and not detrimental to the public interest.

The Commission finds that TDS's proposed tariff details the services, equipment, and pricing it proposes to offer, and is similar to tariffs approved for other Missouri certificated interexchange and nonswitched local exchange carriers. The Commission finds that the proposed tariff filed on June 9, 2000, shall be approved as amended to become effective on August 1, 2000.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. That TDS Long Distance Corporation is granted a certificate of service authority to provide intrastate interexchange telecommunications services in the state of Missouri, subject to the conditions of certification set out above.

2. That TDS Long Distance Corporation is granted a certificate of service authority to provide nonswitched local exchange telecommunications services in the state of Missouri limited to providing dedicated private line services, subject to all applicable statutes and Commission rules except as specified in this order.

3. That TDS Long Distance Corporation is classified as a competitive telecommunications company. Application of the following statutes and regulatory rules shall be waived:

### Statutes

- 392.210.2 - uniform system of accounts
- 392.240.1 - rates-rentals-service & physical connections
- 392.270 - valuation of property (ratemaking)
- 392.280 - depreciation accounts
- 392.290 - issuance of securities
- 392.300.2 - acquisition of stock
- 392.310 - stock and debt issuance
- 392.320 - stock dividend payment
- 392.340 - reorganization(s)
- 392.330, RSMo Supp. 1999 - issuance of securities,  
debts and notes

### Commission Rules

- 4 CSR 240-10.020 - depreciation fund income
- 4 CSR 240-30.010(2)(C) - posting of tariffs
- 4 CSR 240-30.040 - uniform system of accounts
- 4 CSR 240-33.030 - minimum charges
- 4 CSR 240-35 - reporting of bypass and  
customer-specific arrangements

4. That the tariff filed by TDS Long Distance Corporation on June 9, 2000, under tariff number 200001149, is approved as amended to become effective on August 1, 2000. The tariff approved is:

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Section I Original Sheet 1 through Section IV, Original Sheet 7

5. That this order shall become effective on August 1, 2000.

6. That this case may be closed on August 2, 2000.

**BY THE COMMISSION**

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**Dale Hardy Roberts**  
**Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge**

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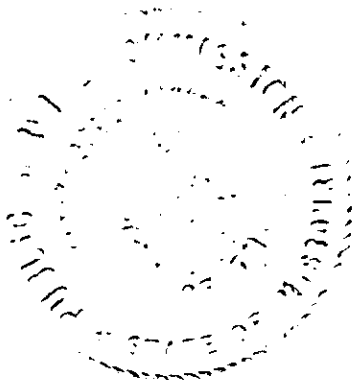
Keith Thornburg, Regulatory Law Judge,  
by delegation of authority pursuant  
to Section 386.240, RSMo 1994.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,  
on this 25th day of July, 2000.

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

I have compared the preceding copy with the original on file in this office and  
I do hereby certify the same to be a true copy therefrom and the whole thereof.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission, at Jefferson City,  
Missouri, this 25<sup>th</sup> day of July 2000.



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**Dale Hardy Roberts**  
**Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge**