

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

**June 2, 2000**

**CASE NO: TA-2000-720**

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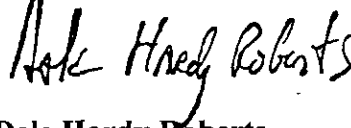
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**Enclosed find certified copy of an ORDER in the above-numbered case(s).**

**Sincerely,**



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

**Uncertified Copy:**

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

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| In the Matter of the Application of )  |                             |
| TeleCents Communications, Inc. for a ) | <b>Case No. TA-2000-720</b> |
| Certificate of Service Authority to )  | Tariff No. 200001000        |
| Provide Interexchange Telecommuni- )   |                             |
| cations Services                       |                             |

**ORDER APPROVING INTEREXCHANGE CERTIFICATE OF**  
**SERVICE AUTHORITY AND ORDER APPROVING TARIFF**

TeleCents Communications, Inc. (TeleCents) applied to the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) on May 2, 2000, for a certificate of service authority to provide intrastate interexchange telecommunications services in Missouri under Section 392.440, RSMo 1994<sup>1</sup>. TeleCents asked the Commission to classify it as a competitive company and waive certain statutes and rules as authorized by Sections 392.361 and 392.420. TeleCents is a Michigan corporation with its principal office located at 861 Richardson Road, Suite, 200, Walled Lake, Michigan 48390.

The Commission issued a Notice of Applications for Intrastate Certificates of Service Authority and Opportunity to Intervene on May 9, 2000, directing parties wishing to intervene to file their requests by May 24, 2000. The requirement for a hearing is met when the opportunity for hearing has been provided and no proper party has

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

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requested the opportunity to present evidence. State ex rel. 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.

TeleCents filed a proposed tariff in conjunction with its application with an effective date of June 16, 2000. TeleCents' tariff describes the rates, rules, and regulations it intends to use, identifies TeleCents as a competitive company, and lists the waivers requested. TeleCents intends to provide interexchange telecommunications services including 1+, 800/888/877 Services, Directory Assistance, Debit Card, and Travel Card services.

In its Memorandum filed on June 1, 2000, the Staff of the Commission (Staff) stated that TeleCents' proposed services are similar to existing IXC offerings. Staff recommended that the Commission grant TeleCents a certificate of service authority, competitive status, and waiver of the statutes and rules listed in the Notice. Staff recommended that the Commission approve the proposed tariff to become effective on June 16, 2000.

The Commission finds that competition in the intrastate interexchange telecommunications market is in the public interest and TeleCents should be granted a certificate of service authority. The Commission finds that the services TeleCents proposes to offer are competitive and TeleCents 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 TeleCents' proposed tariff details the services, equipment, and pricing it proposes to offer, and is similar to tariffs approved for other Missouri certificated interexchange carriers. The Commission finds that the proposed tariff filed on May 2, 2000, should be approved to become effective on June 16, 2000.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. That TeleCents Communications, Inc. is granted a certificate of service authority to provide intrastate interexchange telecommunications services in the state of Missouri, subject to all applicable statutes and Commission rules except as specified in this order.

2. That TeleCents Communications, Inc. 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

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|-------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| 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<br>customer-specific arrangements |

3. That the tariff filed by TeleCents Communications, Inc. on May 2, 2000, under tariff number 200001000, is approved to become effective on June 16, 2000. The tariff approved is:

P.S.C. Mo. No. 1

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4. That this order shall become effective on June 16, 2000.
5. That this case may be closed on June 19, 2000.

BY THE COMMISSION



Dale Hardy Roberts  
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

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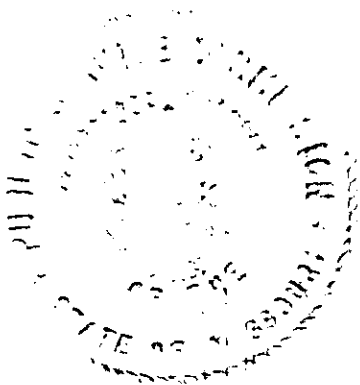
Shelly A. Register, Regulatory Law Judge,  
by delegation of authority pursuant  
to 4 CSR 240-2.120(1) (November 30,  
1995) and Section 386.240, RSMo 1994.

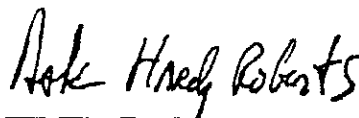
Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,  
on this 2nd day of June, 2000.

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> day of June 2000.



  
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Dale Hardy Roberts  
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge