# **BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

## **OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

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In the Matter of the Application of Enhanced Communications Group, L.L.C. for a Certificate of Service Authority to Provide Resold Interexchange Telecommunications Services in the State of Missouri and to Classify Said Services and the Company as Competitive

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Case No. TA-2000-421 Tariff No. 200000629

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

Enhanced Communications Group, L.L.C. (Enhanced) applied to the Public Service Commission on January 14, 2000, for a certificate of service authority to provide intrastate interexchange telecommunications services in Missouri under Section 392.440, RSMo 1994<sup>1</sup>. Enhanced 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. Enhanced is an Oklahoma corporation, with its principal office located at 2232 S.E. Washington Boulevard, Suite 202, Bartlesville, Oklahoma 74006.

The Commission issued a Notice of Applications for Intrastate Certificates of Service Authority and Opportunity to Intervene on January 25, 2000, directing parties wishing to intervene to file their requests by February 9, 2000. The requirement for a hearing is met when the opportunity for hearing has been provided and no proper party

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

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has requested the opportunity to present evidence. <u>State ex rel.</u> <u>Rex Deffenderfer Enterprises, Inc. v. Public Service Commission,</u> 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 verified application.

Enhanced filed a proposed tariff in conjunction with its application and filed substitute sheets on February 14, 2000, and February 23, 2000. The tariff's effective date is March 7, 2000. Enhanced's tariff describes the rates, rules, and regulations it intends to use, identifies Enhanced as a competitive company, and lists the waivers requested. Enhanced intends to provide interexchange telecommunications services including 1+, 800/888/877 Services, Directory Assistance and Travel Card services.

In its Memorandum filed on February 25, 2000, the Staff of the Commission (Staff) recommended that the Commission grant Enhanced 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 as amended to become effective on March 7, 2000.

The Commission finds that competition in the intrastate interexchange telecommunications market is in the public interest and Enhanced should be granted a certificate of service authority. The Commission finds that the services Enhanced proposes to offer are competitive and Enhanced should be classified as a competitive company. The Commission finds that waiving the statutes and

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Commission rules set out in the ordered paragraph below is reasonable and not detrimental to the public interest.

The Commission finds that Enhanced's proposed tariff details the services, equipment, and pricing it proposes to offer. The Commission finds that the proposed tariff filed on January 14, 2000 shall be approved as amended to become effective on March 7, 2000.

### **IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. That Enhanced Communications Group, L.L.C. 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 Enhanced Communications Group, L.L.C. is classified as a competitive telecommunications company. Application of the following statutes and regulatory rules shall be waived:

#### Statutes

392.240(1	) - ratemaking				
392.270	<ul> <li>valuation of property (ratemaking)</li> </ul>				
392.280	- depreciation accounts				
392.290	- issuance of securities				
392.310	- stock and debt issuance				
392.320	<ul> <li>stock dividend payment</li> </ul>				
392.340	92.340 - 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)	-	rate schedules
4	CSR 240-30.040	-	Uniform System of Accounts
4	CSR 240-32.030(1)(B)	-	exchange boundary maps
4	CSR 240-32.030(1)(C)	-	record-keeping
4	CSR 240-32.030(2)	-	in-state record-keeping
4	CSR 240-32.050(3)	-	local office record-keeping

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4	CSR	240-32.050(4)	-	telephone directories
4	CSR	240-32.050(5)	-	call intercept
4	CSR	240-32.050(6)	-	telephone number changes
4	CSR	240-32.070(4)	-	public coin telephone
4	CSR	240-33.030	-	minimum charges rule
4	CSR	240-33.040(5)	-	financing fees

3. That the tariff filed by Enhanced Communications Group, L.L.C. on January 14, 2000, and assigned Tariff File No. 200000629, is approved as amended to become effective on March 7, 2000. The tariff approved is:

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4. That this order shall become effective on March 7, 2000.

5. That this case may be closed on March 8, 2000.

## BY THE COMMISSION

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Dale Hardy Roberts Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

(SEAL)

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 1st day of March, 2000.