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

In the Matter of the Application of Williams )  
Local Network, Inc. for a Certificate of )  
Service Authority to Provide Interexchange ) **Case No. TA-2000-468**  
and Nonswitched Local Exchange Telecommuni- ) **Tariff No. 200000689**  
cations Services within the State of Missouri )  
and for Classification of Said Services )  
Company as Competitive )

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

Williams Local Network, Inc. (WLNI) applied to the Public Service Commission on February 1, 2000, for certificates of service authority to provide intrastate interexchange and nonswitched local exchange telecommunications services in Missouri under Section 392.410-.450, RSMo 1994, and RSMo Supp. 1999<sup>1</sup>. WLNI 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. WLNI is a Delaware corporation, with its principal office located at 2600 One Williams Center, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74172.

The Commission issued a Notice of Applications for Intrastate Certificates of Service Authority and Opportunity to Intervene on February 8, 2000, directing parties wishing to intervene to file their requests by February 23, 2000. The requirement for a hearing is met

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

when the opportunity for hearing has been provided and no proper party has 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 verified application.

WLNI filed a proposed tariff in conjunction with its application and filed substitute sheets on March 1, 2000. The tariff's effective date is March 17, 2000. WLNI's tariff describes the rates, rules, and regulations it intends to use, identifies WLNI as a competitive company, and lists the waivers requested. WLNI intends to provide interexchange and nonswitched local exchange telecommunications services including private line services.

In its memorandum filed on March 7, 2000, the Staff of the Commission (Staff) recommended that the Commission grant WLNI a certificate of interexchange service authority, and a certificate of service authority for local exchange telecommunication services on condition that this authority be restricted to providing dedicated, nonswitched local exchange private line services. Staff recommended that the Commission grant WLNI 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 17, 2000.

The Commission finds that competition in the intrastate interexchange and nonswitched local exchange telecommunications markets is in the public interest and WLNI should be granted

certificates of service authority. The Commission finds that the services WLNI proposes to offer are competitive and WLNI 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 WLNI's proposed tariff details the services, equipment, and pricing it proposes to offer. The Commission finds that the proposed tariff filed on February 1, 2000 shall be approved as amended to become effective on March 17, 2000.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. That Williams Local Network, Inc. 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 Williams Local Network, Inc. is granted a certificate of service authority to provide local exchange telecommunications services in the state of Missouri limited to providing dedicated, non-switched local exchange private line services, subject to all applicable statutes and Commission rules except as specified in this order.

3. That Williams Local Network, Inc. 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 - valuation of property (ratemaking)
- 392.280 - depreciation accounts
- 392.290 - issuance of securities
- 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) - 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
- 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

4. That the tariff filed by Williams Local Network, Inc. on February 1, 2000, and assigned Tariff File No. 200000689, is approved as amended to become effective on March 17, 2000. The tariff approved is:

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5. That this order shall become effective on March 17, 2000.

6. That this case may be closed on March 20, 2000.

BY THE COMMISSION



Dale Hardy Roberts  
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

( S E A L )

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 9th day of March, 2000.