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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of)	
P.D.S., Inc. d/b/a Phone Debit Systems, Inc.)	
for a Certificate of Authority to Provide)	Case No. TA-2000-234
Competitive Intrastate Interexchange)	Tariff No. 200000233
Telecommunications Services in Missouri)	

ORDER APPROVING INTEREXCHANGE CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE AUTHORITY
AND ORDER APPROVING TARIFF

P.D.S., Inc. d/b/a Phone Debit Systems, Inc. (PDS) applied to the Public Service Commission on September 14, 1999, for a certificate of service authority to provide intrastate interexchange telecommunications services in Missouri under Section 392.440, RSMo 1994¹. PDS 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. PDS is a Texas corporation, with its principal office located at 17400 Dallas Parkway, Suite 114, Dallas, Texas 75287-7305.

The Commission issued a Notice of Applications for Intrastate Certificates of Service Authority and Opportunity to Intervene on September 21, 1999, directing parties wishing to intervene to file their requests by October 6, 1999. The requirement for a hearing is met when the opportunity for hearing has been provided and no proper

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

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.

PDS filed a proposed tariff in conjunction with its application and filed substitute sheets on October 7, 1999. The tariff's effective date is October 30, 1999. PDS' tariff describes the rates, rules, and regulations it intends to use, identifies PDS as a competitive company, and lists the waivers requested. PDS intends to provide interexchange telecommunications services.

In its Memorandum filed on October 21, 1999, the Staff of the Commission stated that PDS' proposed services are similar to existing IXC offerings. Staff recommended that the Commission grant PDS 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 October 30, 1999.

The Commission finds that competition in the intrastate interexchange telecommunications market is in the public interest and PDS should be granted a certificate of service authority. The Commission finds that the services PDS proposes to offer are competitive and PDS 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 PDS' 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 September 14, 1999 should be approved to become effective on October 30, 1999.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That P.D.S., Inc. d/b/a Phone Debit Systems, 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 P.D.S., Inc. d/b/a Phone Debit Systems, 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. 1998 - 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

3. That the tariff filed by P.D.S., Inc. d/b/a Phone Debit Systems, Inc., on September 14, 1999, as Tariff Number 200000233, is approved to become effective on October 30, 1999. The tariff approved is:

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4. That this order shall become effective on October 30, 1999.

5. That this case may be closed on October 31, 1999.

BY THE COMMISSION



Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

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Bill Hopkins, Senior 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 26th day of October, 1999.

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