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

In the Matter of the Application of Everest)
Connections Corporation for a Certificate of)
Service Authority to Provide Basic Local) Case No. TA-2000-452
Telecommunications Service in Portions of)
the State of Missouri and to Classify Said)
Services and the Company as Competitive.)

ORDER APPROVING MOTION TO RETURN SURETY BOND

On January 20, 2000, Everest Connections Corporation (Everest) filed its application requesting the Commission to grant it a certificate of service authority pursuant to Chapter 392 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri. On March 27, 2000, Everest supplemented its application and submitted a surety bond in the amount of \$100,000.00. This bond was filed in the Commission's case file for this proceeding. On March 30, 2000, Everest filed a motion requesting that withdrawal of the bond and its return to Everest's counsel.

In its motion, Everest states the Commission's Staff has indicated certain changes should be made to the terms of the bond. Everest states that its bonding company requires the return of the original bond in order to make these changes. Everest states that it has discussed this matter with the Commission's Staff and that Staff has no objection to the return of the bond.

Granting Everest's motion will allow it to proceed with the changes necessary to complete Everest's application. Based on the representations by Everest and the fact that the Commission has not acted upon Everest's application, the bond shall be returned as requested.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the Commission's records department shall return the original surety bond filed by Everest Connections Corporation to Everest's counsel.

2. That this order shall become effective on April 5, 2000.

BY THE COMMISSION



Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

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Keith Thornburg, 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 5th day of April, 2000.