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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of McDonald)
County Long Distance Company for a)
Certificate of Service Authority to Provide) Case No. TA-2000-135
Interexchange and Local Exchange) Tariff No. 200000120
Telecommunications Services)

ORDER APPROVING INTEREXCHANGE CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE
AUTHORITY AND ORDER APPROVING TARIFF

McDonald County Long Distance Company (McDonald County) applied to the Public Service Commission on August 11, 1999, for a certificate of service authority to provide intrastate interexchange telecommunications services in Missouri under Section 392.440, RSMo 1994¹. McDonald County 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. McDonald County is a Missouri corporation, with its principal office located at 704 Highway W, Pineville, Missouri 64856-0207.

The Commission issued a Notice of Applications for Intrastate Certificates of Service Authority and Opportunity to Intervene on August 17, directing parties wishing to intervene to file their requests by September 1. The requirement for a hearing is met when the opportunity for hearing has been provided and no proper party has requested the opportunity to present evidence. State ex rel.

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

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.

McDonald County filed a proposed tariff in conjunction with
its application and filed substitute sheets on August 27 and 30. The
tariff's effective date is September 27, 1999. McDonald County's
tariff describes the rates, rules, and regulations it intends to use,
identifies McDonald County as a competitive company, and lists the
waivers requested. McDonald County intends to provide interexchange
telecommunications services including 1+ dialing, 800/888/877
Services, Directory Assistance Services, Operator Assistance Services,
Private Line Services, Debit Card Services, and Travel Card Services.

In its Memorandum filed on September 9, 1999, the Staff of the
Commission (Staff) stated that McDonald County's proposed services are
similar to existing interexchange telecommunications offerings. Staff
recommended that the Commission grant McDonald County 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
September 27, 1999.

The Commission finds that competition in the intrastate
interexchange telecommunications market is in the public interest and
McDonald County should be granted a certificate of service authority.
The Commission finds that the services McDonald County proposes to
offer are competitive and McDonald County 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 McDonald County's 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 August 11, shall be approved as amended to become effective on September 27, 1999.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That McDonald County Long Distance Company 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 McDonald County Long Distance Company 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

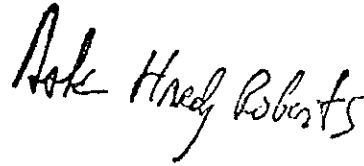
3. That the tariff filed by McDonald County Long Distance Company on August 11, 1999, and assigned Tariff File No. 200000120, is approved as amended to become effective on September 27, 1999. The tariff approved is:

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4. That this order shall become effective on September 27, 1999.

5. That this case may be closed on September 28, 1999.

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dale Hardy Roberts". The signature is written in a cursive, somewhat stylized script.

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 21st day of September, 1999.

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