

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
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CASE NO: TA-2000-409

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Enclosed find certified copy of an ORDER in the above-numbered case(s).

Sincerely,

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**Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge**

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of Vectris)	
Telecom, Inc., for a Certificate of Service)	
Authority to Provide Interexchange and Local)	<u>Case No. TA-2000-409</u>
Exchange Telecommunications Services in the)	Tariff No. 200000619
State of Missouri and for Competitive)	
Classification.)	

ORDER APPROVING INTEREXCHANGE AND NON-SWITCHED LOCAL
EXCHANGE CERTIFICATES OF SERVICE AUTHORITY AND
ORDER APPROVING TARIFF

Vectris Telecom, Inc. (Vectris) applied to the Public Service Commission on January 7, 2000, for certificates of service authority to provide intrastate interexchange and non-switched local exchange telecommunications services in Missouri under Sections 392.410-.450, RSMo 1994 and RSMo Supp. 1999¹. Vectris 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. Vectris is a Delaware corporation, with its principal office located at 5000 Plaza on the Lake, Suite 305, Austin, Texas 78746.

The Commission issued a Notice of Applications and Opportunity to Intervene on January 11, directing parties wishing to intervene to file their requests by January 26. The requirement for a hearing is met when

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

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.

Vectris filed a proposed tariff in conjunction with its application and filed substitute sheets on February 1 and 8. The tariff's effective date is February 28. Vectris' tariff describes the rates, rules, and regulations it intends to use, identifies Vectris as a competitive company, and lists the waivers requested. Vectris intends to provide interexchange and non-switched local exchange telecommunications services including private line services.

In its Recommendation and Memorandum filed on February 16 the Staff of the Commission stated that Vectris' proposed services are similar to existing IXC offerings. Staff recommended that the Commission grant Vectris 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, non-switched local exchange private line services. Staff recommended that the Commission grant Vectris 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 February 28.

The Commission finds that competition in the intrastate interexchange and non-switched local exchange telecommunications markets is in the public interest and Vectris should be granted certificates of service authority. The Commission finds that the services Vectris proposes to offer are competitive and Vectris 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 Vectris' proposed tariff details the services, equipment, and pricing it proposes to offer, and is similar to tariffs approved for other Missouri certificated interexchange and non-switched local exchange carriers. The Commission finds that the proposed tariff filed on January 7 shall be approved as amended to become effective on February 28.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That Vectris Telecom, 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 Vectris Telecom, 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 Vectris Telecom, Inc. is classified as a competitive telecommunications company. Application of the following statutes and regulatory rules shall be waived:

Statutes

392.210.2 - uniform system of accounts
392.240(1) - ratemaking
392.270 - valuation of property (ratemaking)
392.280 - depreciation accounts
392.290 - issuance of securities
392.300.2 - acquisition of stock
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 CSR 240-35	- bypass

4. That the tariff filed by Vectris Telecom, Inc. on January 7, 2000, and assigned tariff number 200000619 is approved as amended to become effective on February 28, 2000. The tariff approved is:

P.S.C. Mo. No. 1

5. That this order shall become effective on February 28, 2000.

6. That this case shall be closed on February 29, 2000.

BY THE COMMISSION

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**Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge**

(S E A L)

Morris L. Woodruff, 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 17th day of February, 2000.

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

I have compared the preceding copy with the original on file in this office and
I do hereby certify the same to be a true copy therefrom and the whole thereof.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission, at Jefferson City,
Missouri, this 17th day of FEBRUARY 2000.

Dale Hardy Roberts

Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

