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Case No. TA-98-184

ORDER AND NOTICE

¹ All statutory references are to the Revised Statutes of Missouri, 1994 or to the 1996 Supplement.

Statutes

392.210.2
392.270
392.280
392.290.1
392.300.2
392.310
392.320
392.330
392.340

Commission Rules

4 CSR 240-10.020
4 CSR 240-30.040
4 CSR 240-35

EZ Talk alleged that its team possesses the technical expertise and financial resources and abilities necessary to provide the proposed services, but its supporting documentation did not describe its key personnel's technical expertise. EZ Talk's supporting documentation states that its managers have elected to omit substantially all of the disclosures required by generally accepted accounting principles. EZ Talk also failed to state whether it intends to offer basic local exchange telecommunications service as a separate and distinct service. The Commission will permit EZ Talk to provide the necessary documentation.

The Commission finds that notice of this application should be sent to the same companies that receive notice of applications for interexchange service authority, and that interested parties should have the opportunity to intervene. Applications to intervene should be submitted by December 12, 1997, to the Executive Secretary of the Missouri Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 360, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102, and copies sent to:

William M. Shansey
Stewart & Keevil, L.L.C.
1001 Cherry Street, Suite 302
Columbia, Missouri 65201

If no one requests a hearing, the Commission may determine that no hearing is necessary and grant the authority requested based on the verified

petition. State ex rel. Rex Deffenderfer Enterprises, Inc. v. Public Service Commission, 776 S.W.2d 494, 496 (Mo. App. 1989).

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

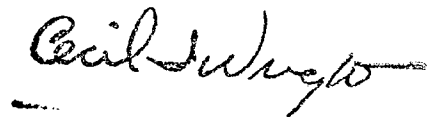
1. That the Records Department of the Commission shall send notice of this application as described above.

2. That parties wishing to intervene shall file an application to intervene no later than December 12, 1997.

3. That EZ Talk Communications, L.L.C. shall submit verified documentation and statements clarifying whether it intends to offer basic local exchange telecommunications as a separate and distinct service and demonstrating the technical expertise of its officers and the sufficiency of its financial ability to provide basic local exchange telecommunications services as required by § 392.455(1), RSMo Supp. 1996, no later than December 5, 1997.

4. That this order shall become effective on November 12, 1997.

BY THE COMMISSION



**Cecil L. Wright
Executive Secretary**

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Amy E. Randles, 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 12th day of November, 1997.