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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Joint Application of SmarTalk)
TeleServices, Inc. and American Express Telecom,)
Inc. for an Order Authorizing the Acquisition by) Case No. TM-98-409
Stock Purchase by SmarTalk TeleServices, Inc. of)
American Express Telecom, Inc.)

ORDER DIRECTING STATUS FILING

The Commission authorized SmarTalk TeleServices, Inc. (SmarTalk) to acquire control by stock purchase of American Express Telecom, Inc. on June 10, 1998. The order required SmarTalk to make a tariff filing to add American Express Telecom, Inc.'s debit card service and rates to SmarTalk's tariff within 30 days from the effective date of the order. The order also required that SmarTalk file a notice with the Commission no later than ten days after the closing date of the transaction authorized by this order. The Commission will direct Staff to file a pleading advising whether SmarTalk has complied in full with the Order Approving Acquisition.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the Staff of the Commission shall file a pleading no later than October 20, 1998, advising whether SmarTalk TeleServices, Inc. has complied in full with the Order Approving Acquisition issued June 10, 1998.

2. That this order shall become effective on October 8, 1998. (

BY THE COMMISSION

Dale Hardy Roberts

Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

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Nancy Dippell, 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 8th day of October, 1998.

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