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

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| In the Matter of the Investigation |) | |
| into the Earnings of Fidelity |) | <u>Case No. TR-98-344</u> |
| Telephone Company and Bourbeuse |) | Tariff Filing No. 9900206 |
| Telephone Company. |) | |

ORDER APPROVING TARIFF

On August 4, 1998, the Commission issued an Order Approving Stipulation and Agreement which directed Fidelity Telephone Company and Bourbeuse Telephone Company (Fidelity/Bourbeuse) to file tariff sheets designed to implement the rate changes set out in the stipulation and agreement. Fidelity/Bourbeuse filed the revised tariff sheets on September 11. The tariffs submitted on September 11 also effectuated the planned merger between Fidelity and Bourbeuse which was approved by the Commission by Order dated August 20, in Case No. TM-98-444. By letter dated October 15, Fidelity/Bourbeuse informed the Commission that the planned merger has not yet been approved by the FCC. On October 15, Fidelity/Bourbeuse submitted substitute tariff sheets which implement the planned rate changes but which do not effectuate the planned merger.

The Commission's Staff reviewed the tariff sheets in light of the Commission's Order and the Stipulation and Agreement. Staff filed a memorandum on October 20 recommending that the Commission approve the proposed tariff sheets. Staff determined that the proposed tariffs accomplish each of the following:

- Expands Fidelity's extended area service to include all Fidelity and Bourbeuse exchanges;

- Implements extended area service for Bourbeuse which includes toll-free calling to all Fidelity and Bourbeuse exchanges;
- Changes local rates to \$7.55 for residence one-party, \$14.25 for business one-party, and \$21.40 for business trunk;
- Removes language regarding touch tone charges and replaces it with language stating that local rate includes touch tone service;
- Removes the supplemental charge on foreign exchange private lines;
- Lowers rates for several custom calling features, including Selective Call Forwarding, Call Waiting, Speed Call 30, Automatic Call-back, Automatic Redial, Hot Line, Caller ID, Selective Call Acceptance, Selective Call Rejection, and Selective Distinctive Alert;
- Removes mileage charges from E911 trunk transport rates, and adds language stating explicitly that E911 trunking service charge is \$21.00 per month, per trunk;
- Implements the Missouri School Discount Program, which offers a 50% discount on all Missouri intrastate tariffed services to educational institutions within the Company's certificated area;
- Lowers rates for Fidelity's Long Distance Message Telecommunications Service in 50-60, 61-80, 81-100, 101-125, 126-150, 151-190, and 191-300 mileage bands;
- Changes intrastate carrier common line rates to \$0.038073 per minute originating and terminating.

The Commission has reviewed the tariff sheets and Staff's recommendation and finds that the revised tariff sheets conform to the

Commission's Report and Order of August 4 and should be approved to become effective on November 1.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the revised tariff, tariff filing No. 9900206, filed by Fidelity Telephone Company and Bourbeuse Telephone Company on September 11, 1998, as substituted on October 15, 1998, is approved to become effective on November 1, 1998. The tariff approved is:

Fidelity Telephone Company

PSC Mo. No. 1, 9th Revised Sheet No. A
Cancels 8th Revised Sheet No. A

PSC Mo. No. 1, 1st Revised Sheet No. C
Cancels Original Sheet No. C

PSC Mo. No. 1, 1st Revised Sheet 21.1
Cancels Original Sheet 21.1

PSC Mo. No. 1, 1st Revised Sheet 28.7
Cancels Original Sheet 28.7

PSC Mo. No. 1, 2nd Revised Page 49
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PSC Mo. No. 1, 1st Revised Page 50
Canceling Original Page 50

PSC Mo. No. 1, Original Sheet No. 51

PSC Mo. No. 2, 2nd Revised Sheet 27
Cancels 1st Revised Sheet 27

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PSC Mo. No. 6, 4th Revised Page 51.1
Cancels 3rd Revised Page 51.1

Bourbeuse Telephone Company

PSC Mo. No. 5, 15th Revised Sheet No. 1
Cancels 14th Revised Sheet No. 1

PSC Mo. No. 5, Original Sheet 1.1

PSC Mo. No. 5, 1st Revised Sheet 9.1
Cancels Original Sheet No. 9.1

2. That this order shall become effective on November 1, 1998.

BY THE COMMISSION



Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

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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 21st day of October, 1998.

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