

STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

At a Session of the Public Service
Commission held at its office
in Jefferson City on the 23rd
day of January, 1996. -

In the matter of the application)
of Nations Bell, Inc. d/b/a)
Nations Tel. and MTS/Communicall)
for a certificate of service) CASE NO. TA-96-157
authority to provide inter-)
exchange telecommunications)
services.)

ORDER APPROVING INTEREXCHANGE CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE AUTHORITY AND
ORDER APPROVING TARIFF

Nations Bell, Inc. d/b/a Nations Tel and d/b/a MTS/Communicall (NBI) applied to the Public Service Commission on November 16, 1995, for a certificate of service authority to provide intrastate interexchange telecommunications services in Missouri under § 392.440 RSMo 1994¹. NBI asked the Commission to classify it as a competitive company and waive certain statutes and rules as authorized by §§ 392.361 and 392.420. Applicant is a Texas corporation, with its principal office at 13455 Noel Road, Suite 1000, Dallas, Texas 75240.

The Commission issued a Notice and Schedule of Applicants separately listing both Nations Tel and MTS/Communicall on December 5, 1995, and directing parties wishing to intervene in the case to do so by December 20, 1995. Since no one requested a hearing or permission to intervene, the

¹All statutory references are to Revised Statutes of Missouri 1994.

Commission determines that no hearing is necessary. *State ex rel. Rex Deffenderfer Enterprises, Inc. v. Public Service Commission*, 776 S.W.2d 494, 496 (Mo.App. 1989).

NBI filed proposed tariffs for Nations Tel and MTS/Communicall on December 21, 1995, and filed substitute sheets on January 4, 1996, January 5, 1996, and January 8, 1996. The tariffs' effective date was originally January 20, 1996, but the effective date was extended to January 25, 1996, on January 17, 1996. The tariffs for Nations Tel and MTS/Communicall describe the rates, rules, and regulations NBI intends to use, identifies NBI as a competitive company, and lists the waivers requested. NBI intends to provide interexchange telecommunications services including operator services.

In its Memorandum filed January 16, 1995, the Staff of the Commission stated that Applicant's proposed services are the same or equivalent to those classified as competitive in Case No. TO-88-142, *In re the investigation for the purpose of determining the classification of the services provided by interexchange telecommunications companies within the State of Missouri*, 30 Mo. P.S.C. (N.S.) 16 (September 1989). Staff noted in its recommendation that NBI proposes to offer telecommunication services in the state of Missouri under two separate names, Nations Tel and MTS/Communicall. In addition, Staff noted that NBI has filed two separate proposed tariffs, and that calls will be branded based on which company is handling the call. Staff also stated that it believes every company offering telecommunications services in Missouri should have both a

certificate and an approved tariff, in order to minimize confusion over which company is offering the service, thus Staff recommended that the Commission issue two certificates to the Applicant. Staff recommended that the Commission grant Applicant certificates of service authority, competitive status, and waiver of the statutes and rules listed in the Notice. Staff also recommended that the Commission approve the tariffs as amended, effective January 25, 1996.

The Commission finds that competition in the intrastate interexchange telecommunications market is in the public interest and Applicant should be granted a certificate of service authority. The Commission finds that the services Applicant proposes to offer are competitive and Applicant should be classified as a competitive company. The Commission is of the opinion that waiving the statutes and Commission rules set out in Ordered Paragraph 2 is reasonable and not detrimental to the public interest.

The Commission determines, by authority of § 392.470, that Applicant should comply with the following regulatory requirements as reasonable and necessary conditions of certification:

- (1) Applicant must comply with reasonable requests by Staff for financial and operating data to allow Staff to monitor the intraLATA toll market. § 386.320.3.
- (2) Applicant must file tariffs containing rules and regulations applicable to customers, a description of the services

provided, and a list of rates associated with those services in accordance with 4 CSR 240-30.010 and § 392.220.

- (3) Applicant may not unjustly discriminate between its customers.
§§ 392.200, 392.400.
- (4) Applicant must comply with all applicable rules of the Commission except those specifically waived by this order.
§§ 386.570, 392.360.
- (5) Applicant must file a Missouri-specific annual report.
§§ 392.210, 392.390.1.
- (6) Applicant must comply with jurisdictional reporting requirements as set out in each local exchange company's access services tariffs. § 392.390.3.
- (7) Applicant must submit to the staff, on a confidential basis, a copy of the jurisdictional report it submits to local exchange companies. The report must be submitted within ten (10) days of the date on which it is submitted to the local exchange company.

The Commission finds that NBI's proposed tariffs detail 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 tariffs filed on December 21, 1995, and amended on January 4, 1996, January 5, 1996, and January 8, 1996, should be approved, effective January 25, 1995.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That Nations Bell, Inc. d/b/a Nations Tel be 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 Nations Bell, Inc. d/b/a MTS/Communicall be 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.

3. That Nations Bell, Inc. d/b/a Nations Tel and d/b/a MTS/Communicall be classified as a competitive telecommunications company. 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
392.330	- issuance of securities, debts and notes
392.340	- reorganization(s)

Commission Rules

4 CSR 240-10.020	- depreciation fund income
4 CSR 240-30.010(2)(C)	- rate schedules
4 CSR 240-30.040(1)	- Uniform System of Accounts
4 CSR 240-30.040(2)	- Uniform System of Accounts
4 CSR 240-30.040(3)	- Uniform System of Accounts
4 CSR 240-30.040(5)	- Uniform System of Accounts
4 CSR 240-30.040(6)	- 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. That the tariff filed by Nations Bell, Inc. d/b/a Nations Tel on December 21, 1995, be approved as amended, effective January 25, 1996. The tariff approved is:

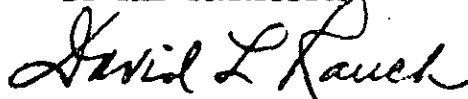
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5. That the tariff filed by Nations Bell, Inc. d/b/a MTS/Communicall on December 21, 1995, be approved as amended, effective January 25, 1996. The tariff approved is:

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6. That this order shall become effective on January 25, 1996.

BY THE COMMISSION



David Rauch
Executive Secretary

(SEAL)

Mueller, Chm., McClure,
Kincheloe, Crumpton and Drainer,
CC., Concur.