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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 March, 1999.

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In the Matter of the Application of Simply Local Services, Inc., for a Certificate of Service Authority to Provide Basic Local Telecommunications Service in Portions of the State of Missouri and to Classify Said Services and the Company as Competitive.

) Case No. TA-99-206

ORDER GRANTING CERTIFICATE TO PROVIDE BASIC LOCAL AND EXCHANGE ACCESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES

Procedural History

Simply Local Services, Inc. (Applicant) applied to the Commission on November 9, 1998, for a certificate of service authority to provide basic local exchange telecommunications services on a resold basis in Missouri under Sections 392.420 - .440, RSMo 1994¹, and Sections 392.410 and .450, RSMo Supp. 1998. Applicant asked the Commission to classify it as a competitive company and to waive certain statutes and rules as authorized by Sections 392.361 and 392.420. Applicant is a Missouri corporation with principal offices located at 11406 Gravois Road, Suite 100, St. Louis, Missouri 63126.

The Commission issued a notice and schedule of applicants on November 17, 1998, directing interested parties wishing to intervene to

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

do so by December 17, 1998. The Commission granted permission to intervene to Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (SWBT) on February 9, 1998.

The parties filed a Stipulation and Agreement (Agreement), which is included with this order as Attachment 1, on February 26, 1999. Staff filed Suggestions in Support of the Stipulation and Agreement on March 2, 1999. In the Agreement, the parties waived their rights to present testimony, cross-examine witnesses, present oral argument or briefs, and to seek rehearing or judicial review. The requirement for a hearing is met when the opportunity for hearing has been provided and no proper party has requested the opportunity to present evidence. <u>State ex rel.</u> <u>Rex Deffenderfer Enterprises, Inc. v. Public Service Commission,</u> 776 S.W.2d 494, 496 (Mo. App. 1989). Since no one has requested a hearing in this case, the Commission may grant the relief requested based on the verified application.

Discussion

Applicant seeks certification to provide basic local exchange telecommunications services on a resold basis in portions of Missouri that are currently served by SWBT. Applicant is not asking for certification in any area that is served by a small incumbent local exchange provider. Applicant proposes to provide service in the exchanges currently served by SWBT as listed in the local exchange tariffs of SWBT in Missouri. Applicant is requesting that its basic

local services be classified as competitive and that the application of certain statutes and regulatory rules be waived.

A. Requirements of 4 CSR 240-2.060(4)

Commission rule 4 CSR 240-2.060(4) requires а Missouri corporation applying for certification to provide telecommunications services to include in its application a certified copy of its Articles of Incorporation and Certificate of Incorporation from the Secretary of State, a description of the types of service it intends to provide, a description of the exchanges where it will offer service, and a proposed tariff with a 45-day effective date. Applicant has provided all the required documentation except for the proposed tariff. The company requested a temporary waiver of 4 CSR 240-2.060(4)(H) until it has entered into an interconnection agreement with the underlying local exchange carrier and that agreement has been approved by the Commission. The company agreed to submit to the Commission for approval a proposed tariff with a minimum 30-day effective date² once it is party to the appropriate interconnection agreement. Applicant will file the tariff in this case and give notice of the tariff filing to all the parties. Along with that filing, Applicant has agreed to provide a written disclosure of all interconnection agreements it has entered into which affect its Missouri service areas.

 $^{^2}$ In its application and again in the agreement, Applicant proposes to offer a tariff with a minimum 30-day effective date. The Commission's

B. Basic Local Service Certification

Section 392.455, RSMo Supp. 1998, sets out the requirements for granting certificates to provide basic local telecommunications service to new entrants. A new entrant must: (1) possess sufficient technical, financial and managerial resources and abilities to provide basic local telecommunications service; (2) demonstrate that the services it proposes to offer satisfy the minimum standards established by the Commission; (3) set forth the geographic area in which it proposes to offer service and demonstrate that such area follows exchange boundaries of the incumbent local exchange telecommunications company and is no smaller than an exchange; and (4) offer basic local telecommunications service as a separate and distinct service. In addition, the Commission must give due consideration to equitable access for all Missourians to affordable telecommunications services, regardless of where they live or their income.

Applicant submitted as Exhibit C to its application a copy of its 1999-2001 Pro Forma Income Statement. Exhibit B to the application lists the names and qualifications of Applicant's management team. In addition to academic credentials, the team members have experience in the telecommunications industry including sales, administration, accounting, management, and operator assistance. The parties agreed that Applicant possesses sufficient technical, financial and managerial resources and abilities to provide basic local telecommunications service.

regulation requires a tariff with a 45-day effective date. The 45-day

Applicant has agreed to provide services that will meet the minimum basic local service standards required by the Commission, including quality of service and billing standards. The parties agreed that Applicant proposes to offer basic local services that satisfy the minimum standards established by the Commission.

Applicant wishes to be certificated to offer services in all the exchanges presently served by SWBT as described in its basic local tariffs. The parties agreed that Applicant has sufficiently identified the geographic area in which it proposes to offer basic local service and that the area follows the incumbent local exchange carrier's exchange boundaries and is no smaller than an exchange.

Applicant has agreed to offer basic local telecommunications service as a separate and distinct service and to provide equitable access, as determined by the Commission, for all Missourians within the geographic area in which it will offer basic local services in compliance with Section 392.455, RSMo Supp. 1998.

C. Competitive Classification

The Commission may classify a telecommunications provider as a competitive company if the Commission determines it is subject to sufficient competition to justify a lesser degree of regulation. § 392.361.2, RSMO. In making that determination, the Commission may consider such factors as market share, financial resources and name recognition, among others. In the Matter of the Investigation for the Purpose of

effective date requirement will not be waived.

Determining the Classification of the Services Provided by Interexchange Telecommunications Companies Within the State of Missouri, 30 Mo. P.S.C. (N.S.) 16 (1989); In the Matter of Southwestern Bell Telephone Company's Application for Classification of Certain Services as Transitionally Competitive, 1 Mo. P.S.C. 3d 479, 484 (1992). The Commission has found that whether a service is competitive is a subject for case-by-case examination and that different criteria may be given greater weight depending upon the service being considered. *Supra*, 1 Mo. P.S.C. 3rd at 487. In addition, all the services a competitive company provides must be classified as competitive. Section 392.361.3, RSMO.

The parties have agreed that Applicant should be classified as a competitive telecommunications company. The parties have also agreed that Applicant's switched exchange access services may be classified as a competitive service, conditioned upon certain limitations on Applicant's ability to charge for its access services. Applicant has agreed that, unless otherwise ordered by the Commission, its originating and terminating access rates will be no greater than the lowest Commission-approved corresponding access rates in effect at the date of certification for the large incumbent LEC within those service areas in which Applicant seeks to operate. The parties have agreed that the grant of service authority competitive classification to Applicant should be expressly and conditioned on the continued applicability of Section 392.200, RSMo Supp. 1998, and on the requirement that any increases in switched access services rates above the maximum switched access service rates set forth

in the agreement must be cost-justified pursuant to Sections 392.220, RSMo Supp. 1998, and 392.230, rather than Sections 392.500 and 392.510.

The parties agreed that waiver of the following statutes is appropriate: Sections 392.210.2, 392.270, 392.280, 392.290.1, 392.300.2, 392.310, 392.320, 392.330, RSMo Supp. 1998, and 392.340. The parties also agreed that application of these Commission rules could be waived: 4 CSR 240-10.020, 4 CSR 240-30.040, and 4 CSR 240-35.

Findings of Fact

The Missouri Public Service Commission, having considered all of the competent and substantial evidence upon the whole record, makes the following findings of fact:

- A. The Commission finds that competition in the basic local exchange telecommunications market is in the public interest.
- B. The Commission finds that Applicant has met the requirements of 4 CSR 240-2.060(4) for applicants for certificates of service authority to provide telecommunications services with the exception of the filing of a tariff with a 45-day effective date.
- C. The Commission finds that Applicant has demonstrated good cause to support a temporary waiver of the tariff filing requirement and the waiver shall be granted.
- D. The Commission finds that the local exchange services market is competitive and that granting Applicant a certificate of service authority to provide local exchange telecommunica-

tions services is in the public interest. Applicant's certificate should become effective when its tariff becomes effective.

- D. The Commission finds that Applicant meets the statutory requirements for provision of basic local telecommunications services and has agreed to abide by those requirements in the future. The Commission determines that granting Applicant a certificate of service authority to provide basic local exchange telecommunications services is in the public interest. Applicant's certificate shall become effective when its tariff becomes effective.
- E. The Commission finds that Applicant is a competitive company and should be granted waiver of the statutes and rules set out in the ordered paragraph below.
- F. The Commission finds that Applicant's certification and competitive status should be expressly conditioned upon the continued applicability of Section 392.200, RSMo Supp. 1998, and on the requirement that any increases in switched access services rates above the maximum switched access service rates set forth in the agreement must be cost-justified pursuant to Sections 392.220, RSMo Supp. 1998, and 392.230, rather than Sections 392.500 and 392.510.

Conclusions of Law

The Missouri Public Service Commission has reached the following conclusions of law:

The Commission has the authority to grant certificates of service authority to provide telecommunications service within the state of Missouri. Applicant has requested certification under Sections 392.420 - .440, and Sections 392.410 and .450, RSMo Supp. 1997, which permit the Commission to grant a certificate of service authority where it is in the public interest. Sections 392.361 and .420 authorize the Commission to modify or suspend the application of its rules and certain statutory provisions for companies classified as competitive or transitionally competitive.

The federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 and Section 392.455, RSMO Supp. 1998, were designed to institute competition in the basic local exchange telecommunications market in order to benefit all telecommunications consumers. See Section 392.185, RSMO Supp. 1998. The Commission has the legal authority to accept a Stipulation and Agreement as offered by the parties as a resolution of the issues raised in this case, pursuant to Section 536.060, RSMO Supp. 1998. Based upon the Commission's review of the applicable law and Stipulation and Agreement of the parties, and upon its findings of fact, the Commission concludes that the Stipulation and Agreement should be approved.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the Stipulation and Agreement of the parties, filed on February 26, 1999, is approved, except that Simply Local Services, Inc. shall file a tariff with at least a 45-day effective date as required by regulation, rather than the minimum 30-day effective date indicated in the application and the Stipulation and Agreement.

2. That Simply Local Services, Inc. is granted a certificate of service authority to provide basic local telecommunications services in the state of Missouri, subject to the conditions of certification set out above and to all applicable statutes and Commission rules except as specified in this order. The certificate of service authority shall become effective when the company's tariff becomes effective.

3. That Simply Local Services, 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
392.270 - valuation of property (ratemaking)
392.280 - depreciation accounts
392.290.1 - 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. 1998 - issuance of securities,
debts and notes

Commission Rules

4 CSR 240-10.020 - depreciation fund income 4 CSR 240-30.040 - uniform system of accounts 4 CSR 240-35 - reporting of bypass and customer-specific arrangements 4. That the request for waiver of 4 CSR 240-2.060(4)(H), which requires the filing of a 45-day tariff as part of the application, is granted.

5. That Simply Local Services, Inc. shall file tariff sheets with a minimum 45-day effective date reflecting the rates, rules, regulations and the services it will offer within 30 days after the effective date of a Commission order approving an interconnection agreement that will allow Applicant to provide services. The tariff shall be filed in Case No. TA-99-206 and shall include a listing of the statutes and Commission rules waived above.

6. That Simply Local Services, Inc. shall give notice of the filing of the tariffs described above to all parties or participants. In addition, Simply Local Services, Inc. shall file a written disclosure of all interconnection agreements which affect its Missouri service areas, all portions of Missouri service areas for which it does not have an interconnection agreement, and an explanation of why no interconnection agreement is necessary for those areas.

7. That Simply Local Services, Inc.'s certification and competitive status are expressly conditioned upon the continued applicability of Section 392.200, RSMo Supp. 1998, and on the requirement that any increases in switched access service rates above the maximum switched access service rates set forth in the agreement must be costjustified pursuant to Sections 392.220, RSMo Supp. 1998, and 392.230, rather than Sections 392.500 and 392.510.

8. That this order shall become effective on April 2, 1999.

BY THE COMMISSION

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Lumpe, Ch., Crumpton, Drainer, Murray and Schemenauer, CC., concur.

Dippell, Senior Regulatory Law Judge

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION STATE OF MISSOURI

Missouri Public Service Commission

In the matter of the Application of Simply Local Services, Inc. for a Certificate of Authority to Provide Basic Local Exchange Telecommunications Services in the State of Missouri and for Competitive Classification

Case Number TA-99-206

STIPULATION AND AGREEMENT

Simply Local Services, Inc. (Applicant) initiated this proceeding on November 9, 1998 by filing an Application requesting certificate of service authority to provide basic local exchange telecommunications service on a resold basis, throughout all exchanges currently served by the incumbent local exchange telecommunications company, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company and requesting other relief.

The Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) has granted the timely application to intervene of Southwestern Bell Telephone Company(SWBT).

A. Standards and Criteria

1. For purposes of this Stipulation and Agreement, the parties agree that applications for basic local exchange service authority in exchanges served by "large" local exchange companies (LECs)¹ should be processed in a manner similar to that in which applications for interexchange authority are currently handled.

¹Large LECs are defined as LECs who serve 100,000 or more access lines. Section 386.020 RSMo. Supp. 1998. In Missouri, the current large LECs are SWBT, GTE, and Sprint.

·2. In determining whether Simply Local Services, Inc.'s application for certificate of Service authority should be granted, the Commission should consider Simply Local Services, Inc.'s technical, financial, and managerial resources and abilities to provide basic local telecommunications service. Simply Local Services, Inc. must demonstrate that the basic local services it proposes to offer satisfy the minimum standards established by the Commission, including but not limited to the filing and maintenance of basic local service tariffs with the Commission in the same manner and form as the Commsission requires of incumbent local exchange telecommunications companies (ILECs) with which applicant seeks to compete. Further, Simply Local Services, Inc. agrees to meet the minimum basic local service standards, including quality of service and billing standards, as the Commission requires of the ILECs with which applicant seeks to compete. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 392.500 RSMo (1994), as a condition of certification and competitive classification, Simply Local Services, Inc. agrees that, unless otherwise ordered by the Commission, Simply Local Services, Inc.'s originating and terminating access rates will be no greater than the lowest Commission approved corresponding access rates in effect at the date of certification for the large ILEC(s) within whose service areas Simply Local Services, Inc. seeks authority to provide service.² Further, Simply Local Services, Inc. agrees to offer basic local telecommunications service as a separate and 2. In this case, the relevant access rates are those of Southwestern Bell.

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distinct service and has sufficiently identified the geographic service area in which it proposes to offer basic local service. Such area follows exchange boundaries of the ILECs in the same area and is no smaller than an exchange. Finally, Simply Local Services, Inc. agrees to provide equitable access to affordable telecommunications services, as determined by the Commission, for all Missourians within the geographic area in which it proposes to offer basic local service, regardless of residence or income. See Section 392.455 RSMo Supp. 1998.

3. Simply Local Services, Inc. has submitted its application without tariffs and seeks a temporary waiver of 4 CSR 240-2.060(4)(H). Simply Local Services, Inc. agrees to file its initial tariffs in this certification docket and serve all parties thereto with written notice at the time the initial tariffs are submitted to afford them an opportunity to participate in the tariff approval process. Copies of the tariffs will be provided by Applicant to such parties immediately upon request. Any service authority shall be regarded as conditional and shall not be exercised until such time as tariffs for services have become effective. When filing its initial basic local tariff, Simply Local Services, Inc. shall also file and serve a written disclosure of all resale and/or inteconnection agreements which affect its Missouri service areas, all portions of its Missouri service areas for which it does not have a resale and/or interconnection

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Attachment 1 Page 3 of 11 pages agreement with the incumbent local exchange carrier, and its explanation of why such a resale and/or interconnection agreement is unnecessary for such areas.

4. Simply Local Services, Inc. has, pursuant to Section 392.420 RSMo, requested that the Commission waive the application of the following statutory provisions and rules to its basic local telecommunications services, and the parties agree that the Commission should grant such request provided that Section 392.200 RSMo should continue to apply to all of Simply Local Services, Inc.'s services:

STATUTORY PROVISIONS

Section 392.210.2 Section 392.270 Section 392.280 Section 392.290.1 Section 392.300.2 Section 392.310 Section 392.320 Section 392.330 Section 392.340

COMMISSION RULES

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

5. In negotiating the remaining provisions of this Stipulation and Agreement, the parties employed the foregoing standards and criteria, which are intended to meet the requirements of existing law and Sections 392.450 and 392.455 RSMo regarding applications for certificates of local exchange service authority to provide basic local telecommunications service.

B. Simply Local Services, Inc. Certification

6. Simply Local Services, Inc. hereby agrees that its application should be deemed amended to include by reference the

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terms and provisions described in paragraphs 2-4 above.

7. Based upon its verified Application, Simply Local

Services, Inc. asserts, and no party makes a contrary assertion,

that there is sufficient evidence from which the Commission can find and conclude that Simply Local Services, Inc.:

- A. possesses sufficient technical, financial and managerial resources and abilities to provide basic local telecommunications service;
- B. proposes and agrees to offer basic local services that satisfy the minimum standards established by the Commission;
- C. has sufficiently identified the geographic area in which it proposes to offer basic local service and such area follows exchange boundaries of the incumbent local exchange telecommunications companies in the same areas, and such area is no smaller than an exchange;
- D. will offer basic local telecommunications service as a separate and distinct service;
- E. has agreed to provide equitable access to affordable telecommunications services, as determined by the Commission, for all Missourians within the geographic area in which it proposes to offer basic local serivce, regardless of where they live or their income; and

F. has sought authority which will serve the public interest.

7. Simply Local Services, Inc. asserts, and no party opposes, that Simply Local Services, Inc.'s application and request for authority to provide basic local telecommunications services should be granted. All services authorized herein should be classified as competitive telecommunications services provided that the requirements of Section 392.200 continue to apply, and Simply Local Services, Inc. shall remain classified as a competitive telecommunications company. Simply Local Services, Inc. asserts, and no party opposes, that such services will be

subject to sufficient competition by the services of the ILECs to justify a lesser degree of regulation of Simply Local Services, Inc.'s services consistent with the protection of ratepayers and the promotion of the public interest. Such classification should become effective when the tariffs for the services become effective. Such authority should be conditional, not to be exercised until such time as tariffs for those services have been filed (together with the written disclosure as stipulated above) and have become effective. The Commissions's Order should state the foregoing conditions substantially as follows:

The service authority and service classification herein granted are subject to the requirements of Section 392.200 and are conditional and shall not be exercised until such time as tariffs for services have become effective.

Simply Local Services, Inc.'s request for a temporary 8. waiver of 4 CSR 240-2.060(4)(H), which requires applications to include a proposed tariff with a 45-day effective date, is not opposed by the parties and should be granted because Simply Local Services, Inc. does not yet have approved resale and/or interconnection agreements with the large ILECs. Simply Local Services, Inc. agrees that at such time as all facts necessary for the development of tariffs become known, it will submit tariffs in this docket, with a minimum 30-day proposed effective date, to the Commission for its approval, together with the written disclosure as stipulated above. Simply Local Services, Inc. shall serve notice to all parties and participants in this docket of the filing of its tariffs at the time they are filed with the Commission and serve them with the aforesaid written disclosure and shall upon

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Attachment 1 Page 6 of 11 pages request immediately provide any party with a copy of those tariffs. The Commissions's Order should state these obligations as conditions to the waiver of 4 CSR 240-2.060(4)(H), substantially as follows:

Applicant's request for temporary waiver of 4 CSR 240-2.060(4)(H) is hereby granted for good cause in that applicant does not yet have approved any resale and/or interconnection agreement with the incumbent local exchange carrier within whose service areas it seeks authority to provide service; provided, when applicant submits its tariffs in this docket to the Commission, such tariffs shall have a minimum of a 30-day effective date and the applicant shall serve written notice upon the parties hereto of such submittal, and shall provide copies of such tariffs to such parties immediately upon request. When filing its initial basic local tariff in this docket, the applicant shall also file and serve upon the parties hereto a written disclosure of: all resale and/or interconnection agreements which affect its Missouri service areas; all portions of its Missouri service areas for which it does not have a resale and/or interconnection agreement with the incumbent local exchange carrier; and its explanation of why such a resale and/or interconnection agreement is unnecessary for any such areas.

9. Simply Local Services, Inc.'s request for waiver of the application of the following rules and statutory provisions as they relate to the regulation of Simply Local Services, Inc.'s services should be granted:

STATUTORY PROVISIONS

Section 392.210.2 Section 392.270 Section 392.280 Section 392.290.1 Section 392.300.2 Section 392.310 Section 392.320 Section 392.330 Section 392.340

COMMISSION RULES

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

10. This Stipulation and Agreement has resulted from extensive negotiations among the signatories and the terms hereof

Attachment 1 Page 7 of 11 pages are interdependent. In the event the Commission does not adopt this Stipulation in total, then this Stipulation and Agreement shall be void and no signatory shall be bound by any of the agreements or provisions hereof. The Stipulations herein are specific to the resolution of this proceeding and are made without prejudice to the rights of the signatories to take other positions in other proceedings.

In the event the Commission accepts the specific terms of 11. this Stipulation and Agreement, the parties and participants waive, with respect to the issues resolved herein: their respective rights pursuant to Section 536.070(2) and Section 536.080.1 RSMo 1994, to present testimony, to cross examine witnesses, and to present oral argument or written briefs; their respective rights to the reading of the transcript by the Commission pursuant to Section 536.080.2 RSMo 1994; and their respective rights to seek rehearing pursuant to Section 386.500 RSMo 1994 and to seek judicial review pursuant to Section 386.510 RSMo 1994. The parties agree to cooperate with the Applicant and with each other in presenting this Stipulation and Agreement for approval to the Commission and shall take no action, direct or indirect, in opposition to the request for approval of the Simply Local Services, Inc. application made herein.

12. The Staff may submit a Staff recommendation concerning matters not addressed in this Stipulation. In addition, if requested by the Commission, the Staff shall have the right to submit to the Commission a memorandum explaining its rationale for

entering into this Stipulation and Agreement. Each party of record and participant herein shall be served with a copy of any memorandum and shall be entitled to submit to the Commission, within five (5) days of receipt of Staff's memorandum, a responsive memorandum which shall also be served on all parties and participants. All memoranda submitted by the parties shall be considered privileged in the same manner as settlement discussions under the Commission's rules, shall be maintained on a confidential basis by all parties and participants, and shall not become a part of the record of this proceeding or bind or prejudice the party submitting such memorandum in any future proceeding or in this proceeding whether or not the Commission approves this Stipulation and Agreement. The contents of any memorandum provided by any party are its own and are not acquiesced to or otherwise adopted by the other signatories to the Stipulation and Agreement, whether or not the Commission approves and adopts this Stipulation and Agreement.

The Staff shall also have the right to provide, at any agenda meeting at which this Stipulation and Agreement is noticed to be considered by the Commission, whatever oral explanation the Commission requests, provided that the Staff shall, to the extent reasonably practicable, provide the other parties and participants with advance notice of when the Staff shall respond to the Commission's request for such explanation once such explanantion is requested from Staff. Staff's oral explanantion shall be subject to public disclosure.

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Attachment I Page 9 of 11 pages -13. The Office of Public Counsel, while not a signatory to this Stipulation and Agreement, has been contacted with regard to its filing and has offered no objection.

14. Finally, Simply Local Services, Inc. will comply with all applicable Commission rules and regulations except those which are specifically waived by the Commission.

WHEREFORE, the signatories respectfully request the Commission to issue its Order approving the terms of this Stipulation and Agreement and issue its Order granting authority and classification as requested by Simply Local Services, Inc., subject to the conditions described above, at its earliest convenience.

> Respectfully submitted, KODNER, WATKINS, MUCHNICK & DUNNE, L.C.

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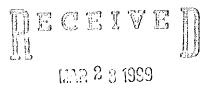
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