STATE OF MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

At a Session of the Public Service Commission held at its office in Jefferson City on the 26th day of February, 1998.

In the Matter of Discount Call Rating,)
Inc.'s Adoption Notice for Name Change d/b/a)
Flat Rate Long Distance Inc.)

CASE NO. TO-98-319

ORDER ACKNOWLEDGING CHANGE OF NAME AND APPROVING TARIFF

Discount Call Rating, Inc. (Discount Call) filed a letter with the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) on January 30, 1998, indicating that it recently added the fictitious name Flat Rate Long Distance Inc. (Flat Rate). In conjunction with its letter, Discount Call also submitted a copy of the Registration of Fictitious Name from the Missouri Secretary of State's Office, showing the registration of the new fictitious name. Discount Call also filed an adoption notice reflecting the addition of the fictitious name with an effective date of February 10. The effective date was subsequently extended to March 2.

On February 20, the Staff of the Commission (Staff) filed a memorandum containing its recommendation. Staff notes that Discount Call filed a copy of its Registration of Fictitious Name from the Missouri Secretary of State's Office, and filed an adoption notice containing the new fictitious name. Staff states that it has no objections to the filing, and recommends approval. Staff adds that it is unaware of any other filing which affects or would be affected by this proposal.

The Commission has reviewed the official case file and Staff's recommendation, and finds that it is in the public interest to maintain an accurate record of the name under which utilities are providing service. This will enable the Commission to better discharge its regulatory

responsibilities, and will enable ratepayers to ascertain the true identity of the utility from which they receive service. The Commission further finds that the proposed adoption notice reflecting the company's addition of a fictitious name, along with the Registration of Fictitious Name from the Secretary of State's Office, will enable the Commission to maintain accurate records with respect to this company. The Commission thus finds that it would be both reasonable and appropriate to acknowledge the change in the name of the company from Discount Call to Discount Call d/b/a Flat Rate, to approve the adoption notice, and to amend the certificate of service authority to reflect the addition of the fictitious name.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

- That the Commission acknowledges the change in the name of the company from Discount Call Rating, Inc. to Discount Call Rating, Inc. d/b/a Flat Rate Long Distance Inc.
- 2. That the certificate of service authority previously issued to Discount Call Rating, Inc. on September 23, 1997 in Case No. TA-98-40 is amended to reflect the change in the company's name from Discount Call Rating, Inc. to Discount Call Rating, Inc. d/b/a Flat Rate Long Distance Inc.
- 3. That the following adoption notice submitted by Discount Call Rating, Inc. on January 30, 1998 is approved to become effective March 2, 1998:

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- 4. That this order shall become effective on March 2, 1998.
- 5. That this case shall be closed on March 4, 1998.

HAL HARD ROBERTS

Dale Hardy Roberts Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

(SEAL)

Lumpe, Ch., Murray, and Drainer, CC., Concur.
Crumpton, C., Absent.

Bensavage, Regulatory Law Judge

DECENTED

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