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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of Group

Long Distance, Inc. for a Certificate of Service

Authority to Provide Basic Local Telecommunications Services in Portions of the State of

Missouri and to Classify Such Services and the
Company as Competitive.

Case No. TA-98-112

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ORDER AND NOTICE

Group Long Distance, Inc. (GLD) filed an amended application on October 20 and November 4, 1997, for a certificate of service authority to provide basic local telecommunications service in the state of Missouri under 4 CSR 240-2.060(4). Specifically, GLD wishes to provide resold services in all the exchanges currently served by Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (SWBT), GTE Midwest Incorporated (GTE), and United Telephone Company of Missouri, d/b/a Sprint (Sprint-United). GLD asked to be classified as a competitive company and receive a lesser degree of regulation as permitted by Sections 392.361 and 392.420, RSMo.² GLD requested a temporary waiver of 4 CSR 240-2.060(4)(H) that requires an applicant to file a tariff simultaneously with its application, on the grounds that it is impossible for GLD to prepare a tariff until it has

¹ GLD's original application was filed on September 10. The Commission subsequently ordered GLD to amend its application by no later than November 7. GLD amended its application on October 20, but this application also contained deficiencies. The Commission notified GLD on October 24 of the deficiencies and GLD responded on November 4 by filing a Second Amended Application, which amended the October 20 Amended Application by interlineation.

 $^{^2}$ All statutory references are to the Revised Statutes of Missouri, 1994 or to the 1996 Supplement.

executed interconnection agreements with SWBT, GTE, and Sprint-United and those agreements have been approved by the Commission. Finally, GLD requested waiver of the following statutes and Commission rules:

<u>Statutes</u>	Commission Rules
392.210.2 392.240(1) 392.270 392.280 392.290 392.300.2	4 CSR 240-10.020 4 CSR 240-30.010(2)(C) 4 CSR 240-30.040(1,2,3,5,6) 4 CSR 240-32.030(1)(B) 4 CSR 240-32.030(1)(C) 4 CSR 240-32.030(2) 4 CSR 240-32.050(3-6)
392.320	4 CSR 240-32.070(4)
392.330	4 CSR 240-33.030
392.340	4 CSR 240-33.040(5)
	4 CSR 240-35

The Commission finds that notice of this application should be sent to the same companies that receive notice of applications for interexchange service authority, and that interested parties should have the opportunity to intervene. Applications to intervene should be submitted by December 12, 1997, to the Executive Secretary of the Missouri Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 360, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102, and copies sent to:

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If no one requests a hearing, the Commission may determine that no hearing is necessary and grant the authority requested based on the verified

petition. <u>State ex rel. Rex Deffenderfer Enterprises, Inc. v. Public</u>
<u>Service Commission</u>, 776 S.W.2d 494, 496 (Mo. App. 1989).

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

- 1. That the Records Department of the Commission shall send notice of this application as described above.
- 2. That parties wishing to intervene shall file an application to intervene no later than December 12, 1997.
 - 3. That this order shall become effective on November 12, 1997.

BY THE COMMISSION

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Executive Secretary

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Amy E. Randles, 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 12th day of November, 1997.