

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of Everest)
Connections Corporation for a Certificate of)
Service Authority to Provide Basic Local) Case No. TA-2000-452
Telecommunications Service in Portions of)
the State of Missouri and to Classify Said)
Services and the Company as Competitive.)

ORDER GRANTING ADDITIONAL TIME

On January 20, 2000, Everest Connections Corporation (Everest) filed its application requesting the Commission to grant it a certificate of service authority pursuant to Chapter 392 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri. On February 28, 2000, the Commission issued its Order Granting Intervention and Directing Filing. Among other things, that order directed the filing of a procedural schedule not later than March 22, 2000, and provided that if a stipulation and agreement were filed by that date a proposed procedural schedule would not be required.

On March 1, 2000, Everest filed a First Amended Application. On March 14, 2000, Everest filed a request for an extension of time to file a proposed procedural schedule. Everest indicated that the Commission's Staff has raised certain concerns with the application related to financial matters and that Everest desires additional time in order to have an opportunity to resolve these concerns.

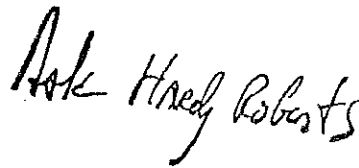
The parties are engaged in a mutual effort to resolve questions and concerns with the application. This effort could reduce the time and

expenses of the parties and of the Commission related to review and action on the application. Therefore, the Commission will grant the request for additional time.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the filing date for a proposed procedural schedule is extended to no later than April 24, 2000. In lieu of a proposed procedural schedule, the parties may file a Stipulation and Agreement.
2. That this order shall become effective on March 30, 2000.

BY THE COMMISSION



Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

(S E A L)

Keith Thornburg, 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 20th day of March, 2000.

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