BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of UKI)
Communications, Inc., for a Certificate)
of Service Authority to Provide Intrastate) Case No. TA-2000-54
Interexchange Telecommunications Services) Tariff No. 20000081
Within the State of Missouri.)

ORDER APPROVING INTEREXCHANGE CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE AUTHORITY AND ORDER APPROVING TARIFF

UKI Communications, Inc. (UKI), applied to the Public Service Commission on March 8, 2000, for a certificate of service authority to provide intrastate interexchange telecommunications services in Missouri under Section 392.440, RSMo 1994¹. UKI asked the Commission to classify it as a competitive company and waive certain statutes and rules as authorized by Sections 392.361 and 392.420. UKI is a Nevada corporation, with its principal office located at 500 North Rainbow Boulevard, Suite 300, Las Vegas, Nevada 89107.

The Commission issued a Notice of Applications for Intrastate Certificates of Service Authority and Opportunity to Intervene on March 14, 2000, directing parties wishing to intervene to file their requests by March 29, 2000. 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. State ex rel.

Rex Deffenderfer Enterprises, Inc. v. Public Service Commission, 776 S.W.2d 494, 496 (Mo. App. 1989). Since no one has asked permission

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

to intervene or requested a hearing, the Commission may grant the relief requested based on the application.

UKI filed a proposed tariff in conjunction with its application and filed substitute sheets: on March 20, 21 and 22, 2000. The tariff's effective date is April 24, 2000. UKI's tariff describes the rates, rules, and regulations it intends to use, identifies UKI as a competitive company, and lists the waivers requested. UKI intends to provide interexchange telecommunications services including 1+ and Travel Card services.

In its Memorandum filed on March 30, 2000, the Staff of the Commission (Staff) recommended that the Commission grant UKI a certificate of service authority, competitive status, and waiver of the statutes and rules listed in the Notice. Staff recommended that the Commission approve the proposed tariff as amended to become effective on April 24, 2000.

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

The Commission finds that UKI's proposed tariff details the services, equipment, and pricing it proposes to offer. The Commission finds that the proposed tariff filed on March 8, 2000, shall be approved as amended to become effective on April 24, 2000.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

- 1. That UKI Communications, Inc., is granted a certificate of service authority to provide intrastate interexchange telecommunications services in the state of Missouri, subject to all applicable statutes and Commission rules except as specified in this order.
- 2. That UKI Communications, Inc., is classified as a competitive telecommunications company. Application of the following statutes and regulatory rules shall be waived:

Statutes

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392.210.2 - Uniform System of Accounts
392.240(1) - rates
392.270
           - valuation of property (ratemaking)
392.280
           - depreciation accounts
           - issuance of securities
392.290
393.300.2 - acquisition of stock
392.310
           - stock and debt issuance
           - stock dividend payment
392.320
           - reorganization(s)
392.340
392.330, RSMo Supp. 1999 - issuance of securities,
                           debts and notes
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Commission Rules

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4 CSR 240-10.020 - depreciation fund income

4 CSR 240-30.010(2)(C) - rate schedules

4 CSR 240-30.040 - Uniform System of Accounts

4 CSR 240-33.030 - minimum charges rule
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3. That the tariff filed by UKI Communications, Inc., on March 8, 2000, and assigned Tariff File No. 200000814, is approved as amended to become effective on April 24, 2000. The tariff approved is:

Missouri P.S.C. Tariff No. 1 Original Title Sheet and Original Sheet No. 1 through Original Sheet No.22

4. That this order shall become effective on April 24, 2000.

5. That this case may be closed on April 25, 2000.

BY THE COMMISSION

Dale Hardy Roberts Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

(SEAL)

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 5th day of April, 2000.