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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of Advantage)
Telecommunications Corp. for a Certificate of)
Service Authority to Provide Intrastate Inter-) **Case No. TA-99-328**
exchange Telecommunications Services in the) **Tariff No. 9900557**
State of Missouri.)

ORDER APPROVING INTEREXCHANGE
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE AUTHORITY AND
ORDER APPROVING TARIFF

Advantage Telecommunications, Corp. (Applicant) applied to the Public Service Commission on February 4, 1999, for a certificate of service authority to provide intrastate interexchange telecommunications services in Missouri under Section 392.440, RSMo 1994¹. 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 Delaware corporation, with its principal office located at 125 South Swoope Road, Suite 102, Maitland, Florida 32751.

The Commission issued a Notice of Applications and Opportunity to Intervene on February 9, 1999, directing parties wishing to intervene to file their requests by February 24, 1999. No requests for intervention were received. The requirement for a hearing is met when the opportunity for hearing has been provided and no proper party has

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

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

Applicant filed a proposed tariff in conjunction with its application and filed a substitute sheet on February 23, 1999. Applicant's tariff describes the rates, rules, and regulations it intends to use, identifies Applicant as a competitive company, and lists the waivers requested. Applicant intends to provide interexchange telecommunications services including 800/888/877, Directory Assistance-Long Distance and Travel Card services.

In its Memorandum filed on March 1, 1999, the Staff of the Commission stated that Applicant's proposed services are similar to existing IXC offerings. Staff recommended that the Commission grant Applicant 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 2, 1999.

The Commission finds that competition in the intrastate interexchange telecommunications market is in the public interest and Applicant should be granted a certificate of service authority. The Commission finds that the services Applicant proposes to offer are competitive and Applicant 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 Applicant's proposed tariff details the services, equipment, and pricing it proposes to offer, and is similar to tariffs approved for other Missouri certificated interexchange carriers. The Commission finds that the proposed tariff filed on February 4, 1999, shall be approved as amended to become effective on April 2, 1999.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That Advantage Telecommunications, Corp., 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 Advantage Telecommunications, Corp., is classified as a competitive telecommunications company. Application of the following statutes and regulations shall be waived:

Statutes

392.240(1)	- ratemaking
392.270	- valuation of property (ratemaking)
392.280	- depreciation accounts
392.290	- issuance of securities
392.310	- stock and debt issuance
392.320	- stock dividend payment
392.340	- reorganization(s)
392.330, Supp. 1998	- issuance of securities, debts and notes

Commission Rules

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 240-32.030(1) (B) - exchange boundary maps
- 4 CSR 240-32.030(1) (C) - record-keeping
- 4 CSR 240-32.030(2) - in-state record-keeping
- 4 CSR 240-32.050(3) - local office record-keeping
- 4 CSR 240-32.050(4) - telephone directories
- 4 CSR 240-32.050(5) - call intercept
- 4 CSR 240-32.050(6) - telephone number changes
- 4 CSR 240-32.070(4) - public coin telephone
- 4 CSR 240-33.030 - minimum charges rule
- 4 CSR 240-33.040(5) - financing fees

3. That the tariff filed by Advantage Telecommunications, Corp., on February 4, 1999, tariff no. 9900557, is approved as amended to become effective on April 2, 1999. The tariff approved is:

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4. That this order shall become effective on March 18, 1999.
5. That this case shall be closed on March 19, 1999.

BY THE COMMISSION

(S E A L)



Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

Kevin A. Thompson, Deputy Chief
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 8th day of March, 1999.