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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 United Telecom of)
America, Inc. Tariff for Name)
Change to USN Communications Long)
Distance, Inc.)

CASE NO. TO-98-365

ORDER ACKNOWLEDGING CHANGE OF NAME AND
APPROVING TARIFF

United Telecom of America, Inc. (United Telecom) filed a letter with the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) on February 24, 1998, indicating that its name had changed from United Telecom to USN Communications Long Distance, Inc. (USN). In conjunction with its letter, United Telecom also submitted an Amended Certificate of Authority of a Foreign Corporation from the Missouri Secretary of State's Office. In addition, United Telecom filed an adoption notice reflecting the change in the corporate name of the company. The adoption notice bears an effective date of March 3.

On February 25, 1998, the Staff of the Commission (Staff) filed a memorandum containing its recommendation. Staff notes that United Telecom filed a copy of its Amended Certificate of Authority of a Foreign Corporation from the Missouri Secretary of State's Office, and filed an adoption notice containing the new corporate name. Staff states that it has no objections to the adoption notice, and recommends that the Commission issue an order to recognize the name change in all Commission records and to approve the adoption notice.

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 adoption notice reflecting the company's change of name, along with the Amended Certificate of Authority of a Foreign Corporation, 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 corporate name of the company from United Telecom to USN, and approve the adoption notice reflecting the change in the name of the company.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the Commission hereby acknowledges the change in the corporate name of the company from United Telecom of America, Inc. to USN Communications Long Distance, Inc.

2. That the certificate of service authority previously issued to United Telecom of America, Inc. on December 12, 1995 in Case No. TA-96-36 is hereby amended to reflect the change in the company's corporate name from United Telecom of Missouri, Inc. to USN Communications Long Distance, Inc.

3. That the following adoption notice filed by United Telecom of America, Inc. on February 24, 1998 is hereby approved to become effective on March 3, 1998:

USN Communications Long Distance, Inc. Missouri P.S.C. Tariff No. 1
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4. That this order shall become effective on March 3, 1998.
5. That this case shall be closed on March 5, 1998.

BY THE COMMISSION



Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

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

Bensavage, Regulatory Law Judge