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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 10th
day of February, 1999.

In the Matter of the Application of BarTel)	
Communications, Inc. for a Certificate of)	
Service Authority to Provide Basic Local)	<u>Case No. TA-99-138</u>
Telecommunications Service in Portions of the)	Tariff No. 9900495
State of Missouri and Classify Said Service)	
as Competitive.)	

ORDER APPROVING TARIFF

The Commission granted to BarTel Communications, Inc. (BarTel) a certificate of service authority to provide basic local and local exchange telecommunications services in Missouri by Report and Order issued on February 2, 1999. The Order waived the filing of a 45-day tariff as required by 4 CSR 240-2.060(4)(H) until 30 days after BarTel has entered into a Commission-approved interconnection agreement that will enable it to provide basic local exchange services. BarTel has not yet entered into an interconnection agreement with GTE Midwest Incorporated or Sprint Missouri, Inc., and therefore BarTel is limiting its service offerings to only those Southwestern Bell Telephone Company local calling areas specified in the tariffs filed by BarTel on December 30, 1998. BarTel's certificate of service authority will become effective upon the effective date of its approved tariffs.

BarTel filed tariff sheets on December 30, 1998, with an effective date of February 15, 1999, reflecting the rates, rules, and regulations it will use and the services it will offer. The effective

date was extended to February 17, 1999 at the request of BarTel which was filed on February 2, 1999. BarTel filed substitute sheets on January 15, 1999, in order to make clarifications and bring its tariff into compliance with Commission rules and regulations.

The Commission's Staff reviewed the tariff sheets and filed a memorandum on February 3, 1999, recommending that the Commission approve them as amended by the substitute sheets. Staff stated that BarTel proposes to offer local telephone service provided through the resale of local exchange access and local exchange service provided by an underlying carrier. Staff stated that Prepaid Service provides the customer with a single, voice-grade communications channel, including a telephone number and a directory listing, and that BarTel's proposed rates are comparable to the rates of other companies offering similar services. Staff stated that Prepaid Service permits a customer to place calls within the local calling area, but does not permit a customer to originate calls to caller-paid information services (i.e., "900", "976", and "711"). Staff stated that BarTel proposes to block 1+, 0+ and 0-operator assisted calls but will not block 1-800 calls or access to 911. Staff stated that BarTel proposes to offer custom calling features such as call waiting, call forwarding, three way calling, and caller ID. Staff recommended that the tariff be approved as amended to become effective on February 17, 1999, to coincide with the effective date of the Order Granting Certificate to Provide Basic Local Telecommunications Service.

The Commission has reviewed the tariff sheets and Staff's recommendation and finds that the tariff sheets, as amended, conform to the Commission's Report and Order of February 2, 1999, and should be

approved to become effective on February 17, 1999. The Commission concludes that the conditions stated in the February 2, 1999, Report and Order for BarTel's certificates of service authority to provide basic local and local exchange telecommunications service have been satisfied and the certificate will take effect on February 17, 1999.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the tariff filed by BarTel Communications, Inc. in tariff file number 9900495 on December 30, 1998 and as substituted on January 15, 1999, is approved as amended to become effective on February 17, 1999. The tariff approved is:

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2. That the certificate of service authority granted to BarTel Communications, Inc. on February 2, 1999, to provide basic local and local exchange telecommunications services shall become effective on February 17, 1999.

3. That this order shall become effective on February 17, 1999.

4. That this case may be closed on February 18, 1999.

BY THE COMMISSION

Dale Hardy Roberts

Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

(S E A L)

Lumpe, Ch., Murray, Schemenauer
and Drainer, CC., concur
Crompton, C., dissents

Hopkins, Senior Regulatory Law Judge

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