

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
JEFFERSON CITY**

February 1, 2000

CASE NO: TF-2000-428

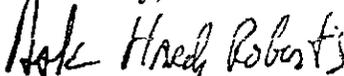
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Enclosed find certified copy of an ORDER in the above-numbered case(s).

Sincerely,



Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of Le-Ru)
Telephone for Authority to Borrow an Amount)
Not to Exceed \$9,164,700 from the Rural)
Utilities Service, the Rural Telephone Bank)
And the Federal Financing Bank and in) Case No. TF-2000-428
Connection therewith to Execute an Amending)
Telephone Loan Contract Amendment, Promissory)
Notes, and a Restated Mortgage, Security)
Agreement and Financing Statement.)

ORDER DIRECTING RESPONSE

On January 18, 2000, Le-Ru Telephone Company (Le-Ru or Applicant) filed an application with the Commission requesting authority under Section 392.310, RSMo 1994, and 4 CSR 240-2.060 to borrow certain sums, not to exceed \$9,164,700, from the Rural Utilities Service, the Rural Telephone Bank, and the Federal Financing Bank in order to fund capital improvements and to finance its operating needs.

In a separate motion, Le-Ru has requested expedited treatment in order to obtain funds to meet customer requests for additional lines and service. Le-Ru did not request action by a date certain.

The Office of the Public Counsel and any interested party may respond to this request for expedited treatment. In particular, the Commission desires the Commission's Staff to file a response to advise the Commission of the earliest date by which it could file a recommendation regarding the application. Staff should review this

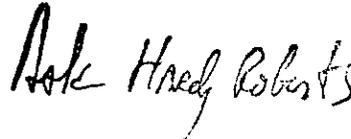
matter with Applicant, and if a target date for a recommendation by Staff is agreed between Staff and Applicant, the Staff response should so advise the Commission. If a target date is agreed upon, the Commission will take no further action on the request for expedited treatment.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission and any other party wishing to respond to the request of Le-Ru Telephone Company for expedited treatment shall respond no later than February 14, 2000.

2. That this order shall become effective on February 14, 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 1st day of February, 2000.

**STATE OF MISSOURI
OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**I have compared the preceding copy with the original on file in this office and
I do hereby certify the same to be a true copy therefrom and the whole thereof.**

**WITNESS my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission, at Jefferson City,
Missouri, this 1st day of FEBRUARY 2000.**

Dale Hardy Roberts

**Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge**

