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ORDER AND NOTICE

On September 17, 1997, St. John's Regional Medical Center, Joplin, Missouri (Applicant), a Missouri not-for-profit corporation, filed an application with the Commission seeking authority to provide private shared tenant services (STS) in the State of Missouri. The application specifically requests waiver of the "single building or less" STS requirement, stating Applicant intends to provide STS services at two locations in Joplin, Missouri. The first location is the hospital itself located at 2737 McClelland Boulevard, Joplin, Missouri 64804. The second location is a medical office building adjacent to the hospital located at 2817 McClelland Boulevard, Joplin, Missouri 64804.

This application is filed pursuant to Section 392.410, RSMo Supp. 1996, providing that no telecommunications company not exempt from that subsection shall transact any business in this state until it shall have obtained a certificate of service authority. However, Applicant specifically admits in its application to providing STS without a certificate of service authority and seeks waiver of any applicable penalties provided for by law.

Pursuant to Section 392.520, RSMo 1994, STS telecommunications services shall be subject to the minimum regulation permitted by

Chapter 392 for competitive telecommunications services. Section 392.520 further provides that the Commission shall exempt STS telecommunications services from even those tariff filing requirements applicable to other competitive telecommunications services. In addition, the Commission has established certain guidelines for the provision of STS in cases TO-86-53, TA-92-113, and TA-95-125.

The Commission finds that proper parties should be given notice and an opportunity to intervene. The Records Department shall send a copy of this order to the telephone company rendering local exchange service to the locations covered by the application. Applications to intervene should be submitted by November 5, 1997 to the Executive Secretary of the Missouri Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 360, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102, and copies sent to:

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The requirement of a hearing is met when an opportunity to be heard 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). Therefore, if no party requests a hearing, the Commission may find that no hearing is necessary and grant the relief requested based on the verified application.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That any interested party wishing to intervene in Case No. TA-98-121 shall file an application to intervene with the Executive Secretary of the Public Service Commission and serve copies on Applicant's representatives no later than November 5, 1997.

2. That the Records Department of the Commission be directed to send notice as herein stated.

3. That this order shall become effective on October 6, 1997.

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cecil I. Wright", with a stylized flourish at the end.

**Cecil I. Wright
Executive Secretary**

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Kevin F. Hennessey, 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 6th day of October, 1997.