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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 28th
day of January, 1999.

In the Matter of the Application of)	
Suretel, Inc. for a Certificate of)	
Service Authority to Provide Basic Local)	
Telecommunications Service in Portions of)	Case No. TA-98-568
the State of Missouri and for)	Tariff No. 9900455
Classification of Said Services as)	
Competitive.)	

ORDER APPROVING TARIFF

By Order issued on October 6, 1998, the Commission granted to Suretel, Inc. (Suretel) a certificate of service authority to provide basic local telecommunications services in Missouri. The Order waived the filing of a 45-day tariff as required by 4 CSR 240-2.060(4)(H) until 30 days after October 16, the effective date of the order. Suretel's certificate of service authority will become effective upon the effective date of its approved tariffs. Suretel's interconnection agreement with Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (Southwestern Bell) was approved by the Commission on August 13, 1998, in Case No. TO-98-548. On November 10, Suretel filed a Request for Additional Time to File Tariff, by which it sought an additional 30 days in which to file its tariff. The Commission granted the request for additional time by its order dated November 20.

Suretel filed tariff sheets on December 15, with an effective date of February 1, 1999. The tariff sheets outline the rates, rules,

regulations and services that Suretel will provide. Suretel filed substitute tariff sheets on January 5 and 25.

The Commission's Staff reviewed the tariff sheets and filed a memorandum on January 11 recommending that the Commission approve them as amended by the substitute sheets, to become effective on February 1.

On January 19, Southwestern Bell filed a motion asking the Commission to suspend Suretel's tariff. Southwestern Bell objected to certain provisions in Suretel's tariff and alleged that those provisions violated the interconnection agreement between Suretel and Southwestern Bell. On January 25, Suretel amended its tariff to address the concerns of Southwestern Bell and filed a response to Southwestern Bell's motion to suspend. Suretel represented that its January 25 amendment to its tariff satisfied the concerns of Southwestern Bell and that counsel for Southwestern Bell had told counsel for Suretel that Southwestern Bell no longer has an objection to the approval of Suretel's tariff. Counsel for Southwestern Bell has made the same representation to the Commission. Since the concerns of Southwestern Bell have been satisfied, Southwestern Bell's motion to suspend Suretel's tariff will be denied.

The Commission has reviewed the tariff sheets and Staff's recommendation and finds that the tariff sheets, as amended, conform to the Commission's Order of October 6 and should be approved to become effective on February 1. The Commission concludes that the conditions stated in the October 6 order granting Suretel certificate of service authority to provide local exchange telecommunications service have been satisfied and the certificate will take effect on February 1.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the tariff filed by Suretel, Inc. on December 15, 1998, and assigned tariff number 9900455, is approved as amended to become effective on February 1, 1999. The tariff approved is:

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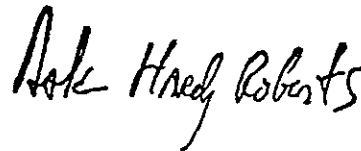
2. That the certificate of service authority granted to Suretel, Inc. on October 6, 1998, to provide basic local exchange telecommunications services shall become effective on February 1, 1999.

3. That Southwestern Bell Telephone Company's Motion to Suspend Tariff is denied.

4. That this order shall become effective on February 1, 1999.

5. That this case may be closed on February 2, 1999.

BY THE COMMISSION



Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

(S E A L)

Lumpe, Ch., Crumpton, Murray
and Drainer, CC., concur
Schemenauer, C., absent

Woodruff, Regulatory Law Judge