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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of)	
NOW Communications, Inc. for a Certificate)	
of Service Authority to Provide Resold)	<u>Case No. TA-98-390</u>
Basic Local Telecommunications Service in)	
Portions of the State of Missouri and for)	
Competitive Classification.)	

ORDER GRANTING EXTENSION OF DEADLINE AND SUSPENDING TARIFF

This case involves an application by NOW Communications, Inc. (NOW) for a certificate of service authority to provide prepaid basic local telecommunications service in portions of the State of Missouri. In conjunction with its filing, NOW submitted a tariff with an effective date of June 10. On May 1, the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) issued its Order Granting Intervention and Directing the Filing of Procedural Schedule, which directed the parties to file a proposed procedural schedule no later than May 13.

On May 13, the Staff of the Commission (Staff) filed a document entitled Status Report in Lieu of Procedural Schedule. The pleading requests that the Commission extend the deadline for the filing of a procedural schedule or a stipulation and agreement to June 3. The pleading also indicates that all parties are in agreement with the extension of the deadline.

The Commission finds that the request for an extension of time for filing a procedural schedule or a stipulation and agreement to June 3 is reasonable and should be granted. However, the Commission finds that the proposed tariff filed by NOW should be suspended for a period of 45 days. This should allow sufficient time for the filing of a stipulation and

agreement on June 3, the filing of suggestions in support of the stipulation and agreement, and the issuance of an order by the Commission. If a proposed procedural schedule is issued on June 3 in lieu of a stipulation and agreement, the Commission may further suspend the tariff if necessary. The parties are reminded that any stipulation should address the appropriateness of the tariff submitted by NOW with its application.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the request of the parties for an extension of the deadline for the filing of a procedural schedule or a stipulation and agreement to June 3, 1998 is granted.

2. That the tariffs submitted by NOW Communications, Inc. with its application on March 12, 1998 is suspended for a period of 45 days, from June 10, 1998 to July 27, 1998.

3. That this order shall become effective on June 1, 1998.

BY THE COMMISSION



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

(S E A L)

Elaine E. Bensavage, 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 22nd day of May, 1998.

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