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**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

In the Matter of the Application of Cable & )  
Wireless Global Card Services, Inc. for a )  
Certificate of Service Authority to Operate ) Case No. TA-98-566  
as a Reseller of Intrastate Interexchange )  
Telecommunications Services in the State of )  
Missouri. )

**ORDER APPROVING INTEREXCHANGE CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE AUTHORITY**  
**AND ORDER APPROVING TARIFF**

Cable & Wireless Global Card Services, Inc. (C & W Card Services) applied to the Public Service Commission on June 18, 1998, for a certificate of service authority to provide intrastate interexchange telecommunications services in Missouri under Section 392.440, RSMo 1994.<sup>1</sup> C & W Card Services asked the Commission to classify it as a competitive company and waive certain statutes and rules as authorized by Sections 392.361 and 392.420. C & W Card Services is a Delaware corporation, with its principal office located at 1275 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20004.

The Commission issued a Notice of Applications and Opportunity to Intervene on June 23, directing parties wishing to intervene to file their requests by July 8. The requirement for a hearing is met when the opportunity for hearing 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). Since no one has asked permission

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<sup>1</sup> All statutory references are to the Revised Statutes of Missouri 1994 unless otherwise indicated.

to intervene or requested a hearing, the Commission may grant the relief requested based on the verified application.

C & W Card Services filed a proposed tariff in conjunction with its application and filed substitute sheets on July 14. The tariff's effective date is August 3. C & W Card Services' tariff describes the rates, rules, and regulations it intends to use, identifies C & W Card Services as a competitive company, and lists the waivers requested. C & W Card Services intends to provide interexchange telecommunications services including debit card and travel card services.

In its Memorandum filed on July 22, the Staff of the Commission stated that C & W Card Services' proposed services are similar to existing IXC offerings. Staff recommended that the Commission grant C & W Card Services a certificate of service authority, competitive status, and waiver of the statutes and rules listed in the Notice. Staff recommended that the Commission approve the proposed tariff as amended to become effective on August 3.

The Commission finds that competition in the intrastate interexchange telecommunications market is in the public interest and C & W Card Services should be granted a certificate of service authority. The Commission finds that the services C & W Card Services proposes to offer are competitive and C & W Card Services should be classified as a competitive company. The Commission finds that waiving the statutes and Commission rules set out in the ordered paragraph below is reasonable and not detrimental to the public interest.

The Commission finds that C & W Card Services' proposed tariff details the services, equipment, and pricing it proposes to offer, and is similar to tariffs approved for other Missouri certificated inter-

exchange carriers. The Commission finds that the proposed tariff filed on June 18 shall be approved as amended to become effective on August 3.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. That Cable & Wireless Global Card Services, Inc. is granted a certificate of service authority to provide intrastate interexchange telecommunications services in the state of Missouri, subject to all applicable statutes and Commission rules except as specified in this order.

2. That Cable & Wireless Global Card Services, Inc. is classified as a competitive telecommunications company. Application of the following statutes and regulatory rules shall be waived:

**Statutes**

392.240(1) - ratemaking  
392.270 - valuation of property (ratemaking)  
392.280 - depreciation accounts  
392.290 - issuance of securities  
392.310 - stock and debt issuance  
392.320 - stock dividend payment  
392.340 - reorganization(s)  
392.330, RSMo Supp. 1997 - issuance of securities,  
debts and notes

**Commission Rules**

4 CSR 240-10.020 - depreciation fund income  
4 CSR 240-30.010(2)(C) - rate schedules  
4 CSR 240-30.040 - Uniform System of Accounts  
4 CSR 240-32.030(1)(B) - exchange boundary maps  
4 CSR 240-32.030(1)(C) - record-keeping  
4 CSR 240-32.030(2) - in-state record-keeping  
4 CSR 240-32.050(3) - local office record-keeping  
4 CSR 240-32.050(4) - telephone directories  
4 CSR 240-32.050(5) - call intercept  
4 CSR 240-32.050(6) - telephone number changes  
4 CSR 240-32.070(4) - public coin telephone  
4 CSR 240-33.030 - minimum charges rule  
4 CSR 240-33.040(5) - financing fees

3. That the tariff filed by Cable & Wireless Global Card Services, Inc. on June 18, 1998, is approved as amended to become effective on August 3, 1998. The tariff approved is:

**Missouri Public Service Commission Tariff No. 1**

4. That this order shall become effective on August 3, 1998.  
5. That this case shall be closed on August 11, 1998.

**BY THE COMMISSION**



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

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Brian K. Harper, 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 31st day of July, 1998.

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