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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 15th day of May, 1997.

In the Matter of the Application of)	
FiberNet, Inc., for a Certificate)	
of Service Authority to Provide)	
Intrastate Interexchange Telecom-)	Case No. TA-97-416
munications Services in the State)	
of Missouri and for Classification)	
as a Competitive Telecommunications)	
Company.)	

ORDER APPROVING INTEREXCHANGE CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE AUTHORITY AND ORDER APPROVING TARIFF

FiberNet, Inc. (FiberNet or Applicant) applied to the Public Service Commission on March 26, 1997, for a certificate of service authority to provide intrastate interexchange telecommunications services in Missouri under § 392.440 RSMo 1994¹. FiberNet asked the Commission to classify it as a competitive company and waive certain statutes and rules as authorized by §§ 392.361 and 392.420. Applicant is a California corporation, with its principal office located at 2701 Ocean Park Boulevard, Santa Monica, California 90405.

The Commission issued a Notice of Applications and Opportunity to Intervene on April 15 directing parties wishing to intervene in the case to file their requests by April 29. Since no one requested a hearing or permission to intervene, the Commission determines that no hearing is necessary. State ex rel. Rex Deffenderfer Enterprises, Inc. v. Public Service Commission, 776 S.W.2d 494, 496 (Mo. App. 1989).

¹All statutory references are to Revised Statutes of Missouri, 1994, or to the 1996 Supplement.

FiberNet filed a proposed tariff along with its application with an effective date of May 21 and filed substitute sheets on May 6. FiberNet's tariff describes the rates, rules, and regulations it intends to use, identifies FiberNet as a competitive company and lists the waivers requested. FiberNet intends to provide interexchange telecommunications services including 1+ (direct dial), 800 services, wide area toll services (WATS) and message toll services (MTS).

In its Memorandum filed on May 12, the Staff of the Commission (Staff) stated that Applicant's proposed rate structures or services are similar to existing IXC offerings. Staff recommended that the Commission grant Applicant 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 tariff as amended to become effective on May 21.

The Commission finds that competition in the intrastate interexchange telecommunications market is in the public interest and Applicant should be granted a certificate of service authority. The Commission finds that the services Applicant proposes to offer are competitive and Applicant should be classified as a competitive company. The Commission is of the opinion that waiving the statutes and Commission rules set out in Ordered Paragraph 2 is reasonable and not detrimental to the public interest.

The Commission determines, by authority of § 392.470, that Applicant should comply with the following regulatory requirements as reasonable and necessary conditions of certification:

- (1) Applicant must comply with reasonable requests by Staff for financial and operating data to allow Staff to monitor the intraLATA toll market. § 386.320.3.
- (2) Applicant must file tariffs containing rules and regulations applicable to customers, a description of the services provided, and a list of rates associated with those services in accordance with 4 CSR 240-30.010 and § 392.220.
- (3) Applicant may not unjustly discriminate between its customers. §§ 392.200, 392.400.
- (4) Applicant must comply with all applicable rules of the Commission except those specifically waived by this order. §§ 386.570, 392.360.
- (5) Applicant must file a Missouri-specific annual report. §§ 392.210, 392.390.1.
- (6) Applicant must comply with jurisdictional reporting requirements as set out in each local exchange company's access services tariff. § 392.390.3.
- (7) Applicant must submit to the Staff, on a confidential basis, a copy of the jurisdictional report it submits to local exchange companies. The report must be submitted within ten (10) days of the date on which it is submitted to the local exchange company.

The Commission finds that FiberNet's proposed tariff details the services, equipment, and pricing it proposes to offer, and is similar to tariffs approved for other Missouri certificated interexchange carriers. The Commission finds that the proposed tariff filed on March 26 should be approved as amended to become effective on May 21, 1997.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

- 1. That FiberNet, Inc. is granted a certificate of service authority to provide intrastate interexchange telecommunications services in the state of Missouri, subject to the conditions of certification set out above.
- 2. That FiberNet, Inc. is classified as a competitive telecommunications company. The following statutes and regulatory rules shall be waived:

Statutes

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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
392.330 - issuance of securities, debts and notes
392.340 - reorganization(s)
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Commission Rules

	-	240-10.020 240-30.010(2)(C)		depreciation fund income rate schedules
		240-30.040		Uniform System of Accounts
		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 FiberNet, Inc. on March 26, 1997, is approved as amended to become effective on May 21, 1997. The tariff approved is:

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4. That this order shall become effective on May 21, 1997.

BY THE COMMISSION

Cecil I. Wright
Executive Secretary

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Zobrist, Chm., Crumpton and Drainer, CC., concur.

ALJ: George