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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 4th
day of February, 1998.

In the Matter of the Application of Startec)
Global Communications Corporation for a)
Certificate of Service Authority to Provide)
Interexchange Telecommunications Services.)
)

Case No. TA-98-242

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

Startec Global Communications Corporation (Startec) applied to the Public Service Commission on December 16, 1997, for a certificate of service authority to provide intrastate interexchange telecommunications services in Missouri under Section 392.440, RSMo 1994¹. Startec 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. Startec is a Maryland corporation, with its principal office located at 10411 Motor City Drive, Suite 301, Bethesda, Maryland 20817.

The Commission issued a Notice of Applications and Opportunity to Intervene on December 30, directing parties wishing to intervene to file their requests by January 14, 1998. 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 to intervene

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

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

Startec filed a proposed tariff in conjunction with its application and filed substitute sheets on January 20 and January 21. The tariff's effective date was originally January 30, but was subsequently extended to February 6. Startec's tariff describes the rates, rules, and regulations it intends to use, identifies Startec as a competitive company, and lists the waivers requested. Startec intends to provide interexchange telecommunications services including 1+ direct dial and operator services.

In its Memorandum filed on January 28, the Staff of the Commission stated that Startec's proposed services are similar to existing IXC offerings. Staff recommended that the Commission grant Startec 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 to become effective on February 6.

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

The Commission finds that Startec'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 December 16 shall be approved as amended to become effective on February 6.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That Startec Global Communications Corporation 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 Startec Global Communications Corporation 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. 1996 - issuance of securities,
debts and notes

Commission Rules

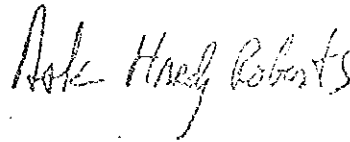
4 CSR 240-10.020 - depreciation fund income
4 CSR 240-30.010(2) (C) - rate schedules
4 CSR 240-30.040 - Uniform System of Accounts
4 CSR 240-32.030(1) (B) - exchange boundary maps
4 CSR 240-32.030(1) (C) - record-keeping
4 CSR 240-32.030(2) - in-state record-keeping
4 CSR 240-32.050(3) - local office 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 Startec Global Communications Corporation on December 16, 1997, is approved as amended to become effective on February 6, 1998. The tariff approved is:

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4. That this order shall become effective on February 6, 1998.
5. That this case shall be closed on February 15, 1998.

BY THE COMMISSION



Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

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Lumpe, Ch., Crumpton,
Murray, and Drainer,
CC., Concur.

Bensavage, Regulatory Law Judge