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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 23rd day of September, 1998.

In the Matter of the Application for Approval)
of a Merger of Switched Services Communications,)
L.L.C. into IXC Communications Services, Inc. for)
Approval of an Agreement and Plan of Merger.)

ORDER APPROVING MERGER

IXC Communications Services, Inc. (IXC Services), formerly IXC Long Distance, Inc. and Switched Services Communications, L.L.C. (SSC) filed an application on July 9, 1998, requesting approval of a merger with IXC Services becoming the surviving corporation. Both parties are competitive companies with approved tariffs on file with the Commission.

IXC Services is a Delaware corporation with its headquarters at 1122 Capital of Texas Highway South, Austin, Texas 78746. IXC Services is a wholly owned subsidiary of IXC Communications, Inc. (IXC), whose stock is publicly traded on the NASDAQ Stock Market. IXC Services currently operates as a reseller of intrastate interexchange services in 48 states, including Missouri. IXC Services received its authority to provide telecommunications services in Missouri under the name IXC Long Distance, Inc. on August 11, 1995, in Case No. TA-95-387. IXC Services also provides interstate and international telecommunications services pursuant to authority of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC).

SSC is a Texas Limited Liability Company, and is currently composed of one member company, IXC Services. SSC maintains its headquarters at 1122 Capital of Texas Highway South, Austin, Texas 78746. SSC is a reseller of intrastate interexchange services in 48 states, including Missouri. SSC received its authority to provide telecommunications services in Missouri on August 8, 1995 in Case No. TA-95-386.

On June 25, 1998, the parties executed an Agreement and Plan of Merger pursuant to which SSC will be merged into IXC Services after the requisite regulatory approvals have been obtained. After the transaction, SSC will surrender its certification and IXC Services will take over all of SSC's current operations. IXC Services will continue to provide services to customers under existing service arrangements. The parties state that the merger will not affect the provision of telecommunications service in Missouri.

The parties state that the name change from IXC Long Distance, Inc. to IXC Communications Services, Inc. took place on June 16, 1998, and that documentation from the Missouri Secretary of State and a tariff reflecting the name change will be filed with the Commission shortly.

The Staff of the Commission (Staff) filed a Memorandum containing its recommendation on August 12, 1998. Staff has reviewed the application and has no objections to the proposed merger, and recommends approval of the proposed transaction. Staff also recommends that the Commission order that the documentation for name change and a revised IXC Services tariff be filed within 60 days of the Commission's order approving the merger. Staff further recommends that the parties file within 60 days after consummation of the merger a motion to terminate SSC's certificate and tariff.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

- 1. That the Joint Application filed by IXC Communications Services, Inc., formerly IXC Long Distance, Inc., and Switched Services Communications, L.L.C., on July 9, 1998, for authority for a merger of Switched Services Communications, L.L.C. with and into IXC Communications Services, Inc., with IXC Communications Services, Inc., becoming the surviving corporation, is approved.
- 2. That the parties are authorized to take any and all actions necessary to effect the merger authorized by this order.
- 3. That IXC Communications Services, Inc., shall advise the Commission within ten days after the merger isconsummated.
- 4. That the parties shall file within 60 days of the consummation of the merger, documentation for the name change, and a revised interexchange services tariff, along with a motion to terminate Switched Services Communications, L.L.C.'s certificate and tariff.
 - 5. That this Order shall become effective on October 6, 1998.

BY THE COMMISSION

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Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

(SEAL)

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

Ruth, Regulatory Law Judge

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