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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 1st day of September, 1998.

In the Matter of the Application of )  
St. John's Regional Medical Center, )  
Joplin, Missouri, for a Certificate of ) **Case No. TA-98-121**  
Service Authority to Provide Shared )  
Tenant Services in the State of Missouri. )

**ORDER GRANTING STS CERTIFICATE**

On September 17, 1997, St. John's Regional Medical Center (St. John's) filed an application for a certificate of service authority to provide shared tenant services (STS) in a multi-building arrangement at 2817 McClelland Boulevard in Joplin, Missouri. St John's requests that the certificate apply to two buildings connected by a tunnel.

St John's currently provides STS to the buildings without certification. It states that it was not aware that it required a certificate of service authority.

On January 7, 1998, the Commission Staff filed its memorandum in the case in which it recommends approval of the application. No other party responded to the application<sup>1</sup>. Staff recommends that no fine be assessed St. John's because of its tardy application for service

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<sup>1</sup> Although Southwestern Bell Telephone Company was granted intervention, when St. John's amended its application on December 12, 1997, its concerns were satisfied and it withdrew.

authority since St. John's acted expeditiously when it learned that it needed a certificate.

Staff also states the building complex for which St. John's has requested certification meets the definition of discrete private premises.

The Commission most recently defined the requirements for "discrete private premises" in In Re: Application of GE Capital-ResCom, L.P., for Certificate of Service Authority to Provide Shared Tenant Services, 4 Mo. P.S.C. 3d 160. The Commission found that

the requirements are: (1) that all buildings are located on either a continuous tract of land or upon adjacent and abutting tracts of land only separated by a public thoroughfare; (2) that all buildings and land must be subject to common ownership interest or associated ownership interests; and (3) that all buildings and land should be located in the same wire center.

St. John's application demonstrates that the multi-building arrangement for which St. John's has requested certification consists of discrete private premises. The Commission finds that granting St. John's a certificate of service authority is in the public interest, and further finds that assessing a penalty on St. John's would be inappropriate.

The requirement of a hearing has been fulfilled when all those having a desire to be heard are offered an opportunity to be heard. Since the only party to intervene later withdrew and neither Staff nor the Office of the Public Counsel requested a hearing, the Commission determines that a hearing is not necessary and that the Applicant may submit its evidence in support of the requested amendment by verified statement. State ex rel. Deffenderfer Enterprises, Inc. v. P.S.C., 776 S.W.2d 494, 496 (Mo. App. 1989).

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. That St. John's Regional Medical Center is granted a certificate of service authority to provide shared tenant services for the premises described in its verified Amended Application for Certificate of Service Authority filed on December 12, 1997.

2. That this order shall become effective on September 11, 1998.

**BY THE COMMISSION**



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

( S E A L )

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

Mills, Deputy Chief Regulatory Law Judge