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**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

In the Matter of the Application of Satelink     )  
Paging, LLC, for a Certificate of Service     )     **Case No. TA-98-366**  
Authority to Provide Interexchange Telecom-     )  
munications Services.     )  
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**ORDER APPROVING INTEREXCHANGE CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE AUTHORITY**  
**AND ORDER APPROVING TARIFF**

Satelink Paging, LLC (Satelink) applied to the Public Service Commission on February 24, 1998, for a certificate of service authority to provide intrastate interexchange telecommunications services in Missouri under Section 392.440, RSMo 1994<sup>1</sup>. Satelink 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. Satelink is a Georgia corporation, with its principal office located at 1325 Northmeadow Parkway, Suite 120, Roswell, Georgia 30076.

The Commission issued a Notice of Applications and Opportunity to Intervene on March 3, directing parties wishing to intervene to file their requests by March 18. 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 or

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

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

Satellink filed a proposed tariff in conjunction with its application and filed substitute sheets on March 31. The tariff's effective date is April 11. Satellink's tariff describes the rates, rules, and regulations it intends to use, identifies Satellink as a competitive company, and lists the waivers requested. Satellink intends to provide interexchange telecommunications services including 1+ direct dial, 800/888/877, debit card and travel card services.

In its Memorandum filed on April 3 the Staff of the Commission stated that Satellink's proposed services are similar to existing IXC offerings. Staff recommended that the Commission grant Satellink 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 April 11.

The Commission finds that competition in the intrastate interexchange telecommunications market is in the public interest and Satellink should be granted a certificate of service authority. The Commission finds that the services Satellink proposes to offer are competitive and Satellink 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 Satellink'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 February 24 shall be approved as amended to become effective on April 11.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. That Satelink Paging, LLC 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 Satelink Paging, LLC 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 Satelink Paging, LLC on February 24, 1998, is approved as amended to become effective on April 11, 1998. The tariff approved is:

**P.S.C. MO. TARIFF NO. 1**

4. That this order shall become effective on April 11, 1998.
5. That this case shall be closed on April 20, 1998.

**BY THE COMMISSION**



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

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Amy E. Randles, 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 8th day of April, 1998.

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