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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 29th day of September, 1998.

In the Matter of the Application of Metracom )
Corporation for a Certificate of Service Authority )
To Provide Competitive Intrastate Interexchange ) Case No. TA-98-543
Telecommunications Services Within the State of )
Missouri. )

## **ORDER APPROVING TARIFF**

The Commission granted to Metracom Corporation (Metracom) a certificate of service authority to provide intrastate interexchange telecommunications services in Missouri by Order Approving Interexchange Certificate of Authority on August 27, 1998. The order, effective on August 29, provided that Metracom's certificate would not become effective until the effective date of a Commission approved tariff. The order also informed Metracom that they were not authorized to conduct business until they had tariffs in effect.

Metracom had filed tariffs with the application that led to the Order Approving Interexchange Certificate of Authority. The Commission suspended this tariff on August 27 due to its concern about the legal foundation for Metracom's proposed imposition of a Federal Universal Service Fund Fee of one percent of the customers' total intrastate billed charges. Metracom withdrew this tariff on September 2 and simultaneously filed a new tariff, effective October 2. The new tariff did not attempt to impose the Federal Universal Service Fund Fee of one percent of the customers' total intrastate billed charges. Metracom indicated the new tariff was similar to the original filing with this one exception.

The Commission's Staff reviewed the new tariff sheets and filed a memorandum on September 14 recommending that the Commission approve Metracom's tariff describes the rates, rules, and regulations it intends to use, identifies Metracom as a competitive company, and lists the waivers requested.

The Commission has reviewed the tariff sheets and the Staff's recommendation and finds that the tariff sheets should be approved to become effective on October 2, 1998. The Commission concludes that the conditions stated in the August 27, 1998 Order for Metracom's certificate of service authority to provide interexchange telecommunications service will be fulfilled at the time Missouri P.S.C. Tariff No. 1 takes effect.

## IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

That the tariff filed by Metracom Corporation on September 2, 1998, is approved to become effective on October 2, 1998. The tariff approved is:

## Missouri P.S.C. Tariff No. 1 Original Sheet No. 1 through Original Sheet No. 29

- That the certificate of service authority granted to Metracom Corporation on August 27, 1998, to provide interexchange telecommunications services shall take effect on October 2, 1998.
  - That this Order shall become effective on October 2, 1998. 3.

(SEAL)

Dale Hardy Roberts COMMISSION

Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

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

Harper, Regulatory Law Judge