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RE: Case No. TA-2000-243

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed for filing in the above-captioned case are an original and eight (8) conformed copies of a **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**.

This filing has been mailed or hand-delivered this date to all counsel of record.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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In the Matter of the Application of)
Navigator Telecommunications, LLC, for)
a Certificate of Service Authority to)
Provide Basic Local Telecommunications)
Service in Portions of the State of)
Missouri and to Classify Said Services and)
the Company as Competitive.)

Case No. TA-2000-243
Tariff File No. 200100491

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Staff") and for its Recommendation states as follows:

1. On October 27, 2000, Navigator Telecommunications, LLC (Navigator) filed a proposed tariff to offer Switched Access Service.
2. In the attached Memorandum, which is labeled Appendix A, the Staff recommends that the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") approve Applicant's Switched Access Tariff pursuant to Sections 392.220 (Supp. 1999), 392.480 (Supp. 1999), and 392.490 RSMo 1994.

WHEREFORE, the Staff recommends that the Commission approve Applicant's proposed tariff, with an effective date of December 19, 2000.

Respectfully submitted,

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MEMORANDUM BY DELEGATION

To: Missouri Public Service Commission Official Case File
Tariff File No. 200100491 Case No. TA-2000-243
Navigator Telecommunications, LLC

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Subject: Staff's Recommendation to Approve Navigator Telecommunications, LLC Switched Access Service Tariff

Date: December 5, 2000

Staff Deadline: December 8, 2000

On October 27, 2000, Navigator Telecommunications, LLC (Navigator), filed a tariff proposing to offer Switched Access Service. Switched Access Services are those services provided by local exchange carriers to connect its end-users to/from the interexchange facilities of long-distance companies. On June 25, 1998, Navigator was granted a certificate to provide Basic Local Exchange Telecommunications Services in Missouri exchanges served by Southwestern Bell Telephone (SWBT) in Case No TA-98-383.

In Case No. TA-98-383, the Commission ordered the company to file its tariff sheets reflecting the rates, rules, regulations and services it will offer "within 30 days after the Commission approves an interconnection agreement enabling the company to provide basic local services." The Commission approved Navigator's tariff on October 1, 1998. On November 22, 1999, the Commission approved Navigator's Interconnection Agreement with SWBT in Case No. TO-2000-291. On October 27, 2000, Navigator filed Tariff File No. 200100491, P.S.C. Mo. No. 3, which sets forth the competitive switched access rates the Company, proposes to charge interexchange carriers.

Navigator amended the certification to provide Basic Local Exchange Telecommunications Services in the service area of SWBT, Sprint/United Telephone (Sprint), and GTE Midwest Incorporated (GTE) as ordered by the Commission in Case No. TA-2000-243. In the Order Granting Certificate to Provide Basic Local Telecommunications Services, the Commission finds that Navigator's certification and competitive status are expressly conditioned upon the continued applicability of Section 392.200, RSMo Supp. 1997, and on the requirement that any increases in switched access services rates above the maximum switched access service rates set forth in the agreement must be cost-justified pursuant to Sections 392.220, RSMo Supp. 1997, and 392.230. Navigator's proposed-switched access rates are found beginning in Section 7 on page 2 and 3 of the Company's proposed tariff. Attached to this recommendation is Staff's analysis for terminating switched access. Based on this analysis, Staff believes that Navigator's proposed switched access rates are no greater than SWBT's; thus Staff believes Navigator is in compliance with the Commission's order in

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Case No. TA-98-383 and TA-2000-243 because SWBT's rates are lower than those of Sprint and GTE. Navigator's method of calculating switched access charges are based on actual minutes of use (MOUs), which is the same as SWBT.

On November 16, 2000, November 22, 2000, November 30, 2000, December 1, 2000, and December 4, 2000, Navigator submitted substitute sheets, which Staff examined and found acceptable. On November 29, 2000, Navigator extended the effective date from December 11, 2000 to December 19, 2000. Staff believes Navigator's proposed switched access rates are no higher than SWBT's. Staff has no objections to Navigator's filing and recommends approval of the tariff, as amended. Staff is unaware of any other filing which affects or which would be affected by this filing.

Navigator Telecom LLC/ SWBT SWITCHED ACCESS RATE COMPARISON TERMINATING / ORIGINATING

Navigator/ SWBT Switched Access Rate Comparison Terminating

				Unbundled				Unbundled		
Miles	Navigator Tandem		Navigator Local	Navigator	SWBT Local	SWBT	SWBT	SWBT Switched	Difference to	
	Switched Trans	Term. CCL	Switching	SA Total	Transport	Term. CCL	Local Switching	Access Total	SWBT per MOU	
0	0.005	0.018133	0.008464	0.031597	0.005	0.018133	0.008464	0.031597	0	
1	0.0077	0.018133	0.008464	0.034297	0.0077	0.018133	0.008464	0.034297	0	
10	0.0077	0.018133	0.008464	0.034297	0.0077	0.018133	0.008464	0.034297	0	
24	0.0077	0.018133	0.008464	0.034297	0.0077	0.018133	0.008464	0.034297	0	
25	0.0162	0.018133	0.008464	0.042797	0.0162	0.018133	0.008464	0.042797	0	
38	0.0162	0.018133	0.008464	0.042797	0.0162	0.018133	0.008464	0.042797	0	
49	0.0162	0.018133	0.008464	0.042797	0.0162	0.018133	0.008464	0.042797	0	
50	0.0274	0.018133	0.008464	0.053997	0.0274	0.018133	0.008464	0.053997	0	
75	0.0274	0.018133	0.008464	0.053997	0.0274	0.018133	0.008464	0.053997	0	
100	0.0274	0.018133	0.008464	0.053997	0.0274	0.018133	0.008464	0.053997	0	

Navigator / SWBT Switched Access Rate Comparison Originating

				Unbundled				Unbundled		
Miles	Navigator Tandem		Navigator Local	Navigator	SWBT Local	SWBT	SWBT	SWBT Switched	Difference to	
	Switched Trans	Orig. CCL	Switching	SA Total	Transport	Orig. CCL	Local Switching	Access Total	SWBT per MOU	
0	0.005	0.01	0.008464	0.023464	0.005	0.01	0.008464	0.023464	0	
1	0.0077	0.01	0.008464	0.026164	0.0077	0.01	0.008464	0.026164	0	
10	0.0077	0.01	0.008464	0.026164	0.0077	0.01	0.008464	0.026164	0	
24	0.0077	0.01	0.008464	0.026164	0.0077	0.01	0.008464	0.026164	0	
25	0.0162	0.01	0.008464	0.034664	0.0162	0.01	0.008464	0.034664	0	
38	0.0162	0.01	0.008464	0.034664	0.0162	0.01	0.008464	0.034664	0	
49	0.0162	0.01	0.008464	0.034664	0.0162	0.01	0.008464	0.034664	0	
50	0.0274	0.01	0.008464	0.045864	0.0274	0.01	0.008464	0.045864	0	
75	0.0274	0.01	0.008464	0.045864	0.0274	0.01	0.008464	0.045864	0	
100	0.0274	0.01	0.008464	0.045864	0.0274	0.01	0.008464	0.045864	0	

Navigator/ SWBT Switched Access Rate Comparison Terminating										
				Bundled				Bundled		
Miles	Navigator Tandem		Navigator Local	Navigator	SWBT Local	SWBT	SWBT	SWBT Switched		Difference to
	Switched Trans	Term. CCL	Switching	SA Total	Transport	Term. CCL	Local Switching	Access Total		SWBT per MOU
0	0.005	0.018133	0.008480	0.031613	0.005	0.018133	0.008480	0.031613		0
1	0.0077	0.018133	0.008480	0.034313	0.0077	0.018133	0.008480	0.034313		0
10	0.0077	0.018133	0.008480	0.034313	0.0077	0.018133	0.008480	0.034313		0
24	0.0077	0.018133	0.008480	0.034313	0.0077	0.018133	0.008480	0.034313		0
25	0.0162	0.018133	0.008480	0.042813	0.0162	0.018133	0.008480	0.042813		0
38	0.0162	0.018133	0.008480	0.042813	0.0162	0.018133	0.008480	0.042813		0
49	0.0162	0.018133	0.008480	0.042813	0.0162	0.018133	0.008480	0.042813		0
50	0.0274	0.018133	0.008480	0.054013	0.0274	0.018133	0.008480	0.054013		0
75	0.0274	0.018133	0.008480	0.054013	0.0274	0.018133	0.008480	0.054013		0
100	0.0274	0.018133	0.008480	0.054013	0.0274	0.018133	0.008480	0.054013		0
Navigator / SWBT Switched Access Rate Comparison Originating										
				Bundled				Bundled		
Miles	Navigator Tandem		Navigator Local	Navigator	SWBT Local	SWBT	SWBT	SWBT Switched		Difference to
	Switched Trans	Orig. CCL	Switching	SA Total	Transport	Orig. CCL	Local Switching	Access Total		SWBT per MOU
0	0.005	0.01	0.008480	0.02348	0.005	0.01	0.008480	0.02348		0
1	0.0077	0.01	0.008480	0.02618	0.0077	0.01	0.008480	0.02618		0
10	0.0077	0.01	0.008480	0.02618	0.0077	0.01	0.008480	0.02618		0
24	0.0077	0.01	0.008480	0.02618	0.0077	0.01	0.008480	0.02618		0
25	0.0162	0.01	0.008480	0.03468	0.0162	0.01	0.008480	0.03468		0
38	0.0162	0.01	0.008480	0.03468	0.0162	0.01	0.008480	0.03468		0
49	0.0162	0.01	0.008480	0.03468	0.0162	0.01	0.008480	0.03468		0
50	0.0274	0.01	0.008480	0.04588	0.0274	0.01	0.008480	0.04588		0
75	0.0274	0.01	0.008480	0.04588	0.0274	0.01	0.008480	0.04588		0
100	0.0274	0.01	0.008480	0.04588	0.0274	0.01	0.008480	0.04588		0