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RE: Case No. TA-2000-483

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed for filing in the above-captioned case are an original and fourteen (14) 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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Enclosure
cc: Counsel of Record

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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In the Matter of the Application of)
Universal Access, Inc. for a Certificate of)
Service Authority to Provide)
Interexchange Telecommunications)
Services.)

Case No. TA-2000-483

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

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

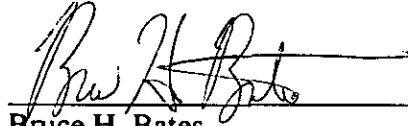
1. In the attached *Memorandum*, which is labeled *Appendix A*, Staff recommends that the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") grant Universal Access, Inc. ("Applicant") a certificate to provide interexchange telecommunications services. The Commission shall grant an application for a certificate of telecommunications service authority upon a finding that the grant of authority is in the public interest. (See Sections 392.430 and 392.440, RSMo 1994).
2. Staff also recommends that the Commission classify Applicant and its services as competitive. The Commission may classify a telecommunications provider or its services as competitive if the Commission determines it is subject to sufficient competition to justify a lesser degree of regulation. (See Section 392.361.2, RSMo 1994.) All the services a competitive company provides must be classified as competitive. (See Section 392.361.3, RSMo 1994.)

3. Staff further recommends that the Commission approve the waivers listed in the Application. The Commission may waive the application of its rules and certain statutes if the Commission determines that the waiver is consistent with the purposes of Chapter 392, RSMo. (See Sections 392.361.3 and 392.420, RSMo 1994, as well as Section 392.185, RSMo Cum.Supp. 1999.)

WHEREFORE Staff recommends that the Commission grant Applicant a certificate to provide interexchange telecommunications services. Staff also recommends that the Commission grant Applicant competitive classification, approve Applicant's proposed tariff, P.S.C. MO. Tariff No. 1 with a proposed effective date of March 25, 2000, and approve the waivers listed in the Application.

Respectfully submitted,

DANA K. JOYCE
General Counsel

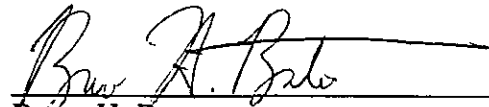


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MEMORANDUM

TO: Missouri Public Service Commission Official Case File
Case No. TA-2000-483 File No. 200000711
Applicant: Universal Access, Inc.

FROM: Arthur P. Kuss *APK*
Telecommunications Department

Ben D. [unclear] 03-14-00
Utility Operations Division/Date

Wm K. Hase 3/15/00 BKH 3-15-00
General Counsel's Office/Date

SUBJECT: **Staff Recommendation for Approval of Universal Access, Inc.
Certificate Application and Proposed Tariff to Provide
Interexchange Telecommunications Services.**

DATE: **March 07, 2000**

Date assigned: February 09, 2000 Staff deadline: March 16, 2000

The Telecommunications Department Staff (Staff) recommends that the applicant be granted the following certificate(s), as indicated by check marks, to be effective on the same date the tariff becomes effective:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X	Certificate to provide interexchange telecommunications services.
<input type="checkbox"/> NA	Certificate to provide local exchange* telecommunications services.

*Local exchange authority should be restricted to dedicated, private line services.

✓ Staff recommends the applicant receive competitive classification.

✓ Staff recommends approval of the applicant's proposed tariff,
P.S.C. MO. Tariff No. 1 with a proposed effective date of March 25, 2000

✓ Staff recommends approval of the waivers listed in the Notice.

There is an attachment to this recommendation indicating additional recommendations or special considerations:

Yes ☐

No ☒ **X**

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Application / Tariff Review Items	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No applications to intervene filed. Intervention deadline: 03-01-00
Application contains the following:	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Proper Secretary of State authorization.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Request for classification as a competitive telecommunications company.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	All requested waivers are listed in the Notice and all requested waivers have been previously granted to other competitive companies.
Proposed tariff:	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Complies with PSC rules and statutes applicable to applicant.
<input type="checkbox"/> NA	If operator services are offered, operator services requirements are included.
<input type="checkbox"/> NA	Includes "interexchange" tariff text if it offers private line service w/o requesting a local certificate.
<input type="checkbox"/> NA	If ICB pricing proposed, only for private line.
<input type="checkbox"/> NA	If ICB pricing is offered, tariff includes standardized ICB text.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Rate structures or service offerings are similar to existing IXC offerings (In addition, tariff does not geographically de-average.)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	If promotional offering text is included, it is the standardized promotional text.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Waivers listed in tariff match those listed in application and Notice.

Services Offered in Initial Tariff	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1+	<input type="checkbox"/> NA Private Line
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 800/888/877 Services	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Debit card
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Directory Assistance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Travel Card
<input type="checkbox"/> NA Operator Services	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____

Has the proposed effective date been extended?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
New effective date: _____		
Have substitute tariff sheets been filed?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Date substitute sheets filed: _____		

From:	Initials:	Date:	Revised:
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