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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 22nd
day of May, 1997.

In the Matter of the Application of U.S. Long)
Distance, Inc. for a Certificate of Authority to)
provide Basic Exchange and Local Exchange Intra-)
state Telecommunications Services in the State of)
Missouri.)
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Case No. TA-97-90

**ORDER SUSPENDING TARIFF SHEETS
AND SETTING PREHEARING CONFERENCE**

The Missouri Public Service Commission granted a certificate of service authority to provide basic local and local exchange intrastate telecommunications services to U.S. Long Distance, Inc. (USLD) on March 18, 1997. The Report and Order directed USLD to file tariff sheets for approval reflecting the rates, rules, regulations, and services it will offer.

USLD filed a set of tariff sheets on April 18 which were reviewed by the Staff of the Commission (Staff). Staff filed a Motion to Suspend on May 16 stating that the set of tariff sheets that USLD filed were deficient in that the tariff: (1) does not identify the exchanges in which USLD proposes to offer basic local service; (2) includes terms that are inconsistent with Commission rules, orders, and Missouri statutes; (3) offers services no longer permitted by the Commission or by the Federal Communications Commission; (4) fails to address provision of 911 or E-911 service; (5) references nonexistent tariff sheets and language; and (6) includes numerous typographical, formatting, and reference errors.

Staff's memorandum recommending suspension, Attachment A to the motion, explained Staff's concerns in detail and recommended suspension to give USLD an opportunity to correct the deficiencies.

The Commission has reviewed the tariff and Staff's motion, and finds that the tariff sheets should be suspended to allow time for correction of deficiencies. A hearing may be necessary to resolve the issues in this matter if USLD is unable to satisfy Staff's objections to the tariff filing. Accordingly, the Commission will suspend the proposed tariff sheets for one hundred and twenty days beyond the effective date of May 28 to September 25, or until otherwise ordered by the Commission. An early prehearing conference will be scheduled and a date set for the parties to offer a procedural schedule.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the following tariff, submitted on April 18, 1997, by U.S. Long Distance, Inc. is suspended for a period of one hundred and twenty days beyond May 28, 1997, to September 25, 1997, or until otherwise ordered by this Commission:

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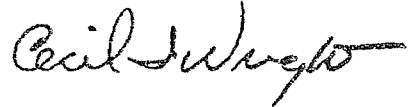
2. That the Commission will conduct an early prehearing conference on July 7, 1997, at 10:00 a.m. in the Commission's hearing room on the fifth floor of the Harry S Truman State Office Building, 301 West High Street, Jefferson City, Missouri.

3. That anyone with special needs as addressed by the Americans With Disabilities Act should contact the Missouri Public Service Commission at least ten (10) days before the prehearing conference at one of the following numbers: Consumer Services Hotline - 1-800-392-4211 or TDD Hotline - 1-800-829-7541.

4. That the parties shall file a proposed procedural schedule no later than July 14, 1997.

5. That this order shall become effective on the date hereof.

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Cecil I. Wright", with a stylized flourish at the end.

**Cecil I. Wright
Executive Secretary**

(S E A L)

Zobrist, Chm., Drainer and
Murray, CC., concur.
Crumpton, C., absent.

ALJ: Wickliffe