

# BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

## OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of SNET America, Inc., )  
d/b/a AT&T Long Distance East for a Certificate of )  
Service Authority to Provide Interexchange ) **Case No. TA-2007-0041**  
Telecommunications Services in the State of Missouri ) **Tariff No. YL-2007-0064**  
and for Competitive Classification )

### **ORDER APPROVING INTEREXCHANGE CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE** **AUTHORITY AND ORDER APPROVING TARIFF**

Issue Date: August 22, 2006

Effective Date: September 14, 2006

SNET America, Inc., d/b/a AT&T Long Distance East applied to the Missouri Public Service Commission on July 31, 2006, for a certificate of service authority to provide intrastate interexchange telecommunications services in Missouri under Section 392.440, RSMo 2000.<sup>1</sup> AT&T Long Distance East asked the Commission to classify it as a competitive company and to waive certain statutes and rules as authorized by sections 392.361 and 392.420. AT&T Long Distance East is a Connecticut corporation with its principal office located at 310 Orange Street, New Haven, Connecticut 06510.

The Commission issued a Notice of Applications for Intrastate Certificates of Service Authority and Opportunity to Intervene on August 1, directing parties wishing to intervene to file their requests by August 16. No requests for intervention were filed.

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<sup>1</sup> All statutory references are to the Revised Statutes of Missouri (RSMo), revision of 2000, unless otherwise indicated.

AT&T Long Distance East filed a proposed tariff in conjunction with its application with an effective date of September 14, 2006. AT&T Long Distance East's tariff describes the rates, rules, and regulations it intends to use, identifies AT&T Long Distance East as a competitive company, and lists the waivers requested.

In its Memorandum filed on August 21, the Staff of the Commission recommended that the Commission grant AT&T Long Distance East 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 to become effective on September 14.

The Commission finds that competition in the intrastate interexchange telecommunications market is in the public interest and that AT&T Long Distance East should be granted a certificate of service authority. The Commission finds that the services AT&T Long Distance East proposes to offer are competitive and that AT&T Long Distance East 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 AT&T Long Distance East'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 July 31, 2006, should be approved to become effective on September 14, 2006.

The Commission reminds the company that failure to comply with its regulatory obligations may result in the assessment of penalties against it. These regulatory obligations include, but are not limited to, the following:

A) The obligation to file an annual report, as established by Section 392.210, RSMo 2000. Failure to comply with this obligation will make the utility liable to a penalty of \$100 per day for each day that the violation continues. 4 CSR 240-3.540 requires telecommunications utilities to file their annual report on or before April 15 of each year.

B) The obligation to pay an annual assessment fee established by the Commission, as required by Section 386.370, RSMo 2000.

C) The obligation to comply with all relevant laws and regulations, as well as orders issued by the Commission. If the company fails to comply, it is subject to penalties for noncompliance ranging from \$100 to \$2,000 per day of noncompliance, pursuant to Section 386.570, RSMo 2000.

D) The obligation to keep the Commission informed of its current address and telephone number.

Furthermore, the company is reminded that, as a corporation, non-attorneys may not represent the company before the Commission. Instead, the corporation must be represented by an attorney licensed to practice law in Missouri.

In addition, the company is reminded that Section 392.410.5, RSMo Supp. 2005, renders the company's certificate of service authority null and void one year from the date of this order unless it has exercised its authority under that certificate.

**IT IS ORDERED THAT:**

1. SNET America, Inc., d/b/a AT&T Long Distance East 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. The certification granted herein is conditioned upon the company's compliance with the regulatory obligations in this order.

3. SNET America, Inc., d/b/a AT&T Long Distance East is classified as a competitive telecommunications company. Application of the following statutes and regulatory rules shall be waived:

**Statutes**

- 392.210.2 - uniform system of accounts
- 392.240.1 - rates-rentals-service & physical connections
- 392.270 - valuation of property (ratemaking)
- 392.280 - depreciation accounts
- 392.290 - issuance of securities
- 392.300.2 - acquisition of stock
- 392.310 - stock and debt issuance
- 392.320 - stock dividend payment
- 392.330 - issuance of securities, debts and notes
- 392.340 - reorganization(s)

**Commission Rules**

- 4 CSR 240-10.020 - depreciation fund income
- 4 CSR 240-30.040 - uniform system of accounts

4. The tariff filed by SNET America, Inc., d/b/a AT&T Long Distance East on July 31, 2006, under tariff number YL-2007-0064, is approved to become effective on September 14, 2006. The tariff approved is:

**Missouri Interexchange Telecommunications Tariff of**  
**SNET America, Inc., AT&T Long Distance East**  
**P.S.C. Missouri Tariff No. 1**

5. This order shall become effective on September 14, 2006.
6. This case may be closed on September 15, 2006.

**BY THE COMMISSION**



Colleen M. Dale  
Secretary

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Morris L. Woodruff, Deputy Chief Regulatory  
Law Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant  
to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,  
on this 22nd day of August, 2006.