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RE: Case No. TO-2001-360

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)
Universal Telecom, Inc. for Approval of)
an Interconnection Agreement with)
ALLTEL Communications Service)
Corporation Pursuant to Section 252(e) of)
the Telecommunications Act of 1996.)

Case No. TO-2001-360

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, the Staff recommends that the Missouri Public Service Commission grant approval of the Interconnection Agreement between Universal Telecom, Inc. and ALLTEL Communications Service Corporation filed on December 11, 2000, as supplemented by filings made on January 2, 2001, and January 9, 2001.

2. The terms of the interconnection agreement do not appear to discriminate against telecommunications carriers not a party to the Agreement and do not appear to be against the public interest, convenience, or necessity. Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252(e), the Commission is to approve a negotiated interconnection agreement unless the terms of the agreement discriminate against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the Agreement or implementation of the

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agreement or any portion thereof is not consistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity.

3. In addition to approving the agreement, because the agreement submitted does not have pages numbered consecutively in the lower right-hand corner, the Staff recommends the Commission direct the parties to submit a copy of the interconnection agreement with the pages numbered consecutively in the lower right-hand corner for filing in the Commission's tariff room.

4. The Staff also recommends that the Commission direct the parties to submit any modifications or amendments to the agreement to the Commission for review.

WHEREFORE, because the terms set forth in this agreement satisfy the standard set forth in 47 U.S.C. § 252(e) in that they do not appear to discriminate against telecommunications carriers not a party to the Agreement and do not appear to be against the public interest, convenience, or necessity, the Staff recommends the Commission enter an Order Approving Interconnection Agreement.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed or hand-delivered to all counsel of record as shown on the attached service list this 18th day of January, 2001.



MEMORANDUM

To: Missouri Public Service Commission Official Case File
 Case No. TO-2001-360
 Parties: ALLTEL Communications Service Corporation and Universal
 Telecom, Inc.

From: Tom Solt, ^{tas} Telecommunications Department

[Signature] 1/16/01
 Utility Operations Division/Date

Wm K Haas 1/17/01 *NW* 1/17/01
 General Counsel Office/Date

Subject: Staff Recommendation for Approval of Interconnection Agreement

Date: January 12, 2001

Date Filed: 12/11/00

Staff Deadline: 2/19/01

The Telecommunications Department Staff (Staff) recommends the Parties be granted approval of the submitted (may check more than one)

- Resale Agreement
- Facilities-based Interconnection Agreement
- Wireless Interconnection Agreement

The Parties submitted the proposed Agreement to the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) pursuant to the terms of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (Act). Staff has reviewed the proposed Agreement and believes it meets the limited requirements of the Act. Specifically, the Agreement: 1) does not appear to discriminate against telecommunications carriers not party to the Agreement and 2) does not appear to be against the public interest, convenience or necessity.

Is there an attachment to this recommendation indicating any recommendations or special considerations? Yes No

From	Initials	Date	Revised
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Mr. VanEschen			
Mr. Henderson			
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Interconnection Agreement Review Items

- No applications to intervene filed
- Terms and rates in Agreement similar to those contained in approved Interconnection Agreement, i.e., TO-2000-482
- Agreement signed by both Parties

Staff recommends the Commission direct the Parties to submit any modifications or amendments. Additionally, Staff recommends the Commission direct the Parties to submit a serially numbered copy of the agreement, as Staff does not currently have a copy so numbered.

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