MEMORANDUM

TO:

Missouri Public Service Commission Official Case File

Case No. TA-94-326 Wesley Robinson

FROM:

Sherri Murphy 77

SUBJECT:

Staff's Recommendation in Case No. TA-94-326 for Approval of the Application for a Certificate of Service Authority to Provide

Private Pay Telephone Service

DATE:

June 23, 1994

REVIEWED BY: Sem Soldanner 6/23/94
Utility Operations Division/Date

General Counsel's Office/Date

On April 18, 1994, Wesley Robinson filed an application for a certificate of service authority to provide private pay telephone service within the State of Missouri. The Commission's May 18, 1994 Order and Notice established June 17, 1994 as the intervention date for any interested parties. No applications to intervene or motions to schedule a hearing were filed.

Wesley Robinson, an individual doing business under his own name, is proposing to provide private pay telephone service in Missouri. The applicant has agreed to abide by the operational characteristics and terms that the Commission has previously identified for private pay telephone providers. The applicant plans to provide private pay telephone service in one location in St. Louis. Mr. Robinson has indicated that he will be utilizing "smartphone" technology. This payphone technology allows the payphone provider to establish his own rates for handling "O+" calls without utilizing the services of a separate operator service provider. Any "O-" calls would be handled by Southwestern Bell Telephone Company.

The Telecommunications Department Staff (Staff) has completed its review of the application of Wesley Robinson and finds that the supplied information is acceptable. Staff also believes that granting Mr. Robinson a certificate of service authority to provide private pay telephone service would foster competition in the payphone marketplace which Staff believes is in the public's best interest. Accordingly, it is Staff's recommendation that the Commission approve the application of Mr. Robinson for a certificate of service authority to provide private pay telephone service within the State of Missouri.

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Wesley Robinson

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