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Mr. Dale Hardy Roberts
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RE: Case No. TO-2000-470

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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In the Matter of Destia Communications)
Services, Inc. request for approval of)
name change to Viatel Services, Inc.)

Case No. TO-2000-470

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 approve the name change requested by Destia Communications Services, Inc. (Applicant).

2. The application clearly sets out both the old and the new name to be used.

3. Applicant has furnished a copy of the registration of the name change with the Missouri secretary of state.

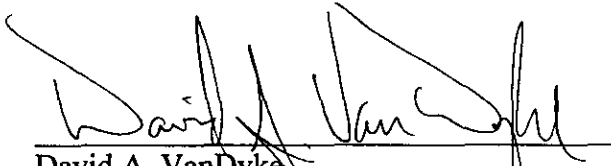
4. Applicant submitted an adoption notice by Viatel Services, Inc. of the Destia Communications Services, Inc. tariff, schedules, rules, notices, contracts, authorities or other instruments whatsoever, filed with the Commission prior to January 31, 2000.

5. Applicant submitted a revised tariff title sheet reflecting the name change.

WHEREFORE, pursuant to the Commission's general authority, sections 386.040, 386.250 and 386.410, RSMo 1994, the Staff recommends that the Commission issue an order approving the name change and revised tariff sheets.

Respectfully submitted,

DANA K. JOYCE
General Counsel

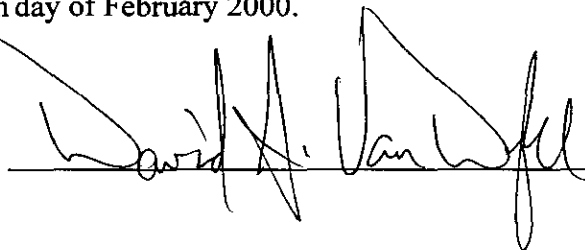


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MEMORANDUM

To: Missouri Public Service Commission Official Case File
Tariff File No. 200000690 Case No. TO-2000-470

From: Shawnee Claiborn-Pinto *JCP BV*
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Subject: Staff Recommendation to Recognize a Corporate Name Change and Approve the
Proposed Adoption Notice

Date: February 10, 2000

On February 1, 2000, Destia Communications Services Inc. (formerly Econophone Services Inc.), filed a "Request for Approval of Name Change from Destia Communications Services, Inc. to Viatel Services, Inc., (Viatel)." The current request contains an adoption notice by Viatel of the Destia Communications Services Inc. tariff, schedules, rules, notices, contracts, authorities, or other instruments whatsoever, filed with the Public Service Commission, prior to January 31, 2000. The current filing also contains a revised title sheet with an address and contact number for the company. Applicant's counsel states that the name change has been registered with the Secretary of State, and a copy of the Amended Certificate of Authority for a Foreign Corporation is attached.

Econophone Services Incorporated obtained a certificate from the Missouri Public Service Commission on October 7, 1998 (Case TA-99-62). On November 26, 1999, Econophone was granted a name change to Destia Communications Services Inc. (Case TO-2000-299). In the current filing, Destia submitted a request to change its name to Viatel Services, Inc.

The Telecommunications Department Staff (Staff) has no objection to the proposed adoption and recommends the Commission amend Destia's Certificate of Service Authority to reflect the new company name and approve the submitted tariff pages to become effective March 2, 2000. Staff is unaware of any filings which affect or which would be affected by the name change.

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Company: Destia Communications Services Inc.

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