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RE: Case No. TA-2000-324

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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**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

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In the Matter of the Application of 2nd)
Century Communications, Inc. for a)
Certificate of Service Authority to Provide)
Competitive Resold Intrastate)
Interexchange Telecommunications)
Services and Non-Switched Basic Local)
Telecommunications Services Within the)
State of Missouri.)

Case No. TA-2000-324

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*, Staff recommends that the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") grant 2nd Century Communications, Inc. ("Applicant") a certificate to provide interexchange telecommunications services, as well as a certificate to provide local exchange telecommunications services, restricted to dedicated, private line services. The Commission shall grant an application for a certificate of telecommunications service authority upon a finding that the grant of authority is in the public interest. (See Sections 392.430 and 392.440, RSMo 1994).

2. Staff also recommends that the Commission classify Applicant and its services as competitive. The Commission may classify a telecommunications provider or its services as competitive if the Commission determines it is subject to sufficient competition to justify a lesser

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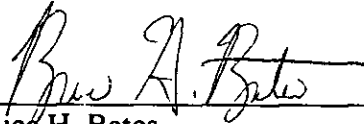
degree of regulation. (See Section 392.361.2, RSMo 1994.) All the services a competitive company provides must be classified as competitive. (See Section 392.361.3, RSMo 1994.)

3. Staff further recommends that the Commission approve the waivers listed in the Application. The Commission may waive the application of its rules and certain statutes if the Commission determines that the waiver is consistent with the purposes of Chapter 392, RSMo. (See Sections 392.361.3 and 392.420, RSMo 1994, as well as Section 392.185, RSMo Cum.Supp. 1999.)

WHEREFORE Staff recommends that the Commission grant Applicant a certificate to provide interexchange telecommunications services, as well as a certificate to provide local exchange telecommunication services, restricted to dedicated, private line services. Staff also recommends that the Commission grant Applicant competitive classification, approve Applicant's proposed tariff, PSC MO NO. 2 with a proposed effective date of May 1, 2000, and approve the waivers listed in the Application.

Respectfully submitted,

DANA K. JOYCE
General Counsel

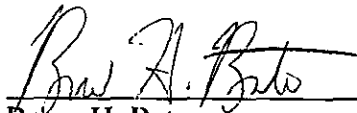


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I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed or hand-delivered to all counsel or parties of record as shown on the attached service list this 22nd day of March 2000.



Bruce H. Bates

MEMORANDUM

To: Missouri Public Service Commission Official Case File
Case No: TA-2000-324 File No: 200000602
Applicant: 2nd Century Communications, Inc.

From: Walt Cecil *WC BV*
Telecommunications Department

[Signature] 3/21/00 *Wm K Hines* 3/21/00 *[Signature]* 3-21-00
Utility Operations Division/Date General Counsel's Office/Date

Subject: Staff Recommendation for Approval of Certificate

Date: 03/17/00

Date Assigned: 11/12/99

Staff Deadline: 04/20/00

The Telecommunications Department Staff (Staff) recommends the applicant be granted the following certificate(s), as indicated below, to be effective on the same date the tariff becomes effective:

- ☒ certificate to provide interexchange telecommunications services.
☒ certificate to provide local exchange telecommunications services.*
*local exchange authority should be restricted to dedicated, private line services.

Staff recommends the applicant and its services receive competitive classification. Furthermore, Staff recommends approval of the applicant's proposed tariff, PSC MO NO. 2, with a proposed effective date of 05/01/00. In addition, Staff recommends approval of the waivers listed in the Notice.

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

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Appendix A

Application/Tariff Review Items

☒ No applications to intervene filed.

Application contains the following:

- ☒ Proper Secretary of State authorization
Request for classification as a competitive telecommunications company.
- ☒ All requested waivers are listed in the Notice and all requested waivers have previously been granted to other competitive companies.

Proposed tariff:

- ☒ Complies with PSC rules and statutes applicable to applicant.
- ☒ If operator services offered, operator services requirements are included.
- ☐ Includes "interexchange" tariff text if offers private line service w/o requesting a local certificate.
- ☐ If ICB pricing proposed, only for private line.
- ☐ If ICB pricing is offered, tariff includes standardized ICB text.
- ☒ Rate structures or service offerings are similar to existing IXC offerings. (In addition, tariff does not geographically de-average).
- ☒ If promotional offering text is included, it is standardized promotion text.
- ☒ Waivers listed in tariff match those listed in application and Notice.

Services Offered in Initial Tariff

- | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1+ | <input type="checkbox"/> Private Line |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 800/888/877 Services | <input type="checkbox"/> Debit Card |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Directory Assistance | <input type="checkbox"/> Travel Card |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Operator Assistance | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: |

Has proposed effective date been extended? ☒ Yes ☐ No

New effective date: May 1, 2000

Have substitute tariff sheets been filed? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Date of substitute sheets: January 25, 2000; March 15, 2000.

From	Initials	Date	Revised
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