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Mr. Dale Hardy Roberts  
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**RE: Case No. TA-2000-585**

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  
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Missouri Public  
Service Commission

In the Matter of the Application of )  
ConnectSouth Communications of )  
Missouri, Inc. for a Certificate of Service )  
Authority to Provide Basic Local )  
Telecommunications Service, Local )  
Exchange Telecommunications Service, )  
and Interexchange Telecommunications )  
Services In the State of Missouri and To )  
Classify Said Service and the Company as )  
Competitive. )

Case No. TA-2000-585

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) and for its recommendation states:

1. The Application in this case requests both a certificate of service authority to provide basic local telecommunications service and a certificate of service authority to provide interexchange telecommunications service. On July 12, 2000, the parties filed a Unanimous Stipulation and Agreement addressing both requests. In the attached Memorandum, which is labeled Appendix A, the Staff is addressing only the request for a certificate of service authority to provide interexchange telecommunications service and the proposed interexchange telecommunications service tariff which has a proposed effective date of August, 20, 2000.

2. In the Memorandum, the Staff recommends that the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) grant ConnectSouth Communications of Missouri, Inc. (Applicant) a certificate of authority to provide interexchange telecommunications services and 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 §§ 392.430 and 392.440 RSMo 1994.)

3. Staff also recommends that the Commission classify the 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 degree of regulation. (See §392.361.2 RSMo 1994.) All the services a competitive company provides must be classified as competitive. (See §392.361.3 RSMo 1994.)

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

5. Finally, Staff recommends that the Commission grant approval of the Applicant's proposed tariff, PSC MO NO. 1.

WHEREFORE, Staff recommends that the Commission grant ConnectSouth Communications, Inc. certificates to provide interexchange telecommunications services and local exchange telecommunications services restricted to dedicated, private line services, grant Applicant competitive classification, approve Applicant's proposed tariff, PSC MO NO. 1 with a proposed effective date of August 20, 2000, and approve the waivers listed in the Notice of Applications.

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 10th day of August 2000.

Julie A. Kardis

## MEMORANDUM

To: Missouri Public Service Commission Official Case File  
Case No: TA-2000-585 File No: 200100009  
Applicant: Connectsouth Communications of Missouri, Inc.

From: Sara Buyak *BN*  
Telecommunications Department

*[Signature]* *8/4* *Wm K Haas 8/10/00*  
Utility Operations Division/Date General Counsel's Office/Date *RC 8-10-00*

Subject: Staff Recommendation for Approval of Certificate

Date: August 3, 2000

Date Assigned: July 7, 2000

Staff Deadline: August 10, 2000

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 receive competitive classification. Furthermore, Staff recommends approval of the applicant's proposed tariff, PSC MO NO. 1, with a proposed effective date of August 20, 2000. 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

### Application/Tariff Review Items

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

Has proposed effective date been extended? ☐ Yes ☒ No

New effective date:

Have substitute tariff sheets been filed? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Date of substitute sheets: July 24, 2000, July 28, 2000, and August 3, 2000

From	Initials	Date	Revised
Sara Buyak	SB	August 3, 2000	
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Connectsouth Communications of Missouri, Inc.

Attachment to Case No. TA-2000-585

File No: 200100009

August 2, 2000

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