

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

In the Matter of the Application of Grasshopper	)	
Group, LLC for a Certificate of Service Authority	)	
to Provide Interexchange and Nonswitched Local	)	<u>File No. TA-2014-0360</u>
Exchange Telecommunications Services in the	)	Tariff YX-2015-0009
State of Missouri	)	

**ORDER APPROVING INTEREXCHANGE AND NONSWITCHED
LOCAL EXCHANGE CERTIFICATES OF SERVICE AUTHORITY,
AND APPROVING TARIFF**

Issue Date: August 15, 2014

Effective Date: August 29, 2014

This order grants Grasshopper Group, LLC a certificate of service authority to provide interexchange and nonswitched local exchange telecommunications services and approves the company's proposed tariff.

Grasshopper applied to the Missouri Public Service Commission on June 19, 2014, for certificates of service authority to provide intrastate interexchange and nonswitched local exchange telecommunications services in Missouri under Sections 392.361, 392.410, 392.420, 392.430, 392.440 and 392.470, RSMo. Grasshopper asked the Commission to classify it as a competitive company and to waive certain statutes and rules as authorized by Sections 392.361, RSMo. Grasshopper is a Massachusetts corporation with its principal offices located at 197 1st Avenue, Suite 200, Needham, MA 02494.

The Commission issued a Notice of Applications for Intrastate Certificates of Service Authority and Opportunity to Intervene on June 19, 2014, directing parties wishing to intervene to file their requests by July 21. No requests for intervention were filed.

Grasshopper filed a proposed tariff in conjunction with its application with an effective date is August 29, 2014. Grasshopper's tariff describes the rates, rules, and

regulations it intends to use, identifies Grasshopper a competitive company, and lists the waivers requested. Grasshopper intends to provide interexchange and nonswitched local exchange telecommunications services.

In its memorandum filed on July 29, 2014, the Staff of the Commission recommended that the Commission grant Grasshopper certificates of interexchange and nonswitched local exchange telecommunications services. Staff recommended that the Commission grant Grasshopper competitive status and waiver of the statutes and rules listed in its Recommendation. Staff recommended that the Commission approve the proposed tariff to become effective on August 29, 2014, or allow it to go into effect by operation of law.

Staff also recommends that this grant of authority be conditioned on continued compliance with the following representation:

Grasshopper will undertake all necessary measures to ensure its contracts with underlying carriers do not contain provisions preventing delivery of traffic to any telephone exchange area of Missouri. Such measures include but are not limited to:

- Prevention of call blocking or call gaping based on the cost of traffic termination.
- Preventing the alteration of stripping of Calling Party Number identification
- Ensuring sufficient network capacity exists to process all traffic according to industry accepted practices

The Commission finds that competition in the intrastate interexchange and nonswitched local exchange telecommunications markets is in the public interest and Grasshopper shall be granted certificates of service authority. The Commission finds that the services Grasshopper proposes to offer are competitive and Grasshopper shall be classified as a competitive company. The Commission finds that waiving the statutes and

Commission rules set out in Staff's Recommendation is reasonable and not detrimental to the public interest.

The Commission finds that Grasshopper's proposed tariff details the services, equipment, and pricing it proposes to offer, and is similar to tariffs approved for other Missouri certificated interexchange and nonswitched local exchange carriers. The Commission finds that the proposed tariff filed on July 15, 2014, shall be approved to become effective on August 29, 2014.

The Commission reminds the company that failure to comply with its regulatory obligations may result in the assessment of penalties against it. These regulatory obligations include, but are not limited to, the following:

A) The obligation to file an annual report, as established by Section 392.210, RSMo 2000. Failure to comply with this obligation will make the utility liable to a penalty of \$100 per day for each day that the violation continues. 4 CSR 240-3.540 requires telecommunications utilities to file their annual report on or before April 15 of each year.

B) The obligation to pay an annual assessment fee established by the Commission, as required by Section 386.370, RSMo 2000.

C) The obligation to comply with all relevant laws and regulations, as well as orders issued by the Commission. If the company fails to comply, it is subject to penalties for noncompliance ranging from \$100 to \$2,000 per day of noncompliance, pursuant to Section 386.570, RSMo 2000.

D) The obligation to keep the Commission informed of its current address and telephone number.

Furthermore, the company is reminded that non-attorneys may not represent the company before the Commission. Instead, the corporation must be represented by an attorney licensed to practice law in Missouri.

In addition, the company is reminded that Section 392.410.5, RSMo, renders the company's certificate of service authority null and void one year from the date of this order unless it has exercised its authority under that certificate.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. Grasshopper Group, LLC, is granted a certificate of service authority to provide intrastate interexchange telecommunications services in the state of Missouri, subject to the conditions of certification set out above.

2. Grasshopper Group, LLC, is granted a certificate of service authority to provide nonswitched local exchange telecommunications services in the state of Missouri limited to providing dedicated private line services, subject to all applicable statutes and Commission rules except as specified in this order.

3. The certification granted herein is conditioned upon the company's compliance with the regulatory obligations in this order.

4. Grasshopper Group, LLC, is classified as a competitive telecommunications company.

5. The statutes and Commission rules listed in the Staff of the Commission's Recommendation are waived.

6. The tariff filed by Grasshopper Group, LLC, on July 15, 2014, under tariff number YX-2015-0009, is approved to become effective on August 29, 2014.

7. This order shall become effective on August 29, 2014.
8. This file may be closed on August 30, 2014.

BY THE COMMISSION



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Morris L. Woodruff".

Morris Woodruff
Secretary

Kennard L. Jones, Senior Regulatory
Law Judge, by delegation of authority
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 15th day of August, 2014.