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RE: Case No. TA-2000-323/TO-2001-134

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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In the Matter of the Application of 2nd)
Century Communications, Inc. for a)
Certificate of Service Authority to Provide)
Basic Local Telecommunications Services)
in the State of Missouri and to Classify)
Such Services and the Company as)
Competitive.)

Case No. TA-2000-323

In the Matter of 2nd Century)
Communications, Inc.'s Request for)
Recognition of its Name Change to 2nd)
Century Communications Group, Inc.)

Case No. TO-2001-134

(Consolidated)

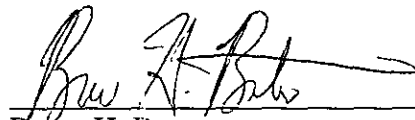
STAFF RECOMMENDATION

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

In the attached *Memorandum*, which is labeled *Appendix A*, the Staff recommends that
the Missouri Public Service Commission issue an order approving of the following tariff sheets:
2nd Century P.S.C. Mo. No. 1, Original Sheet No. 1 through Original Sheet No. 51, and P.S.C.
Mo. No. 3, Original Sheet No. 1 through Original Sheet No. 2, to take effect concurrent with or
after approval of the Interconnection Agreement submitted in Case No. TO-2001-109 and the
name change in Case No. TO-2001-134, for the reasons stated therein.

Respectfully submitted,

DANA K. JOYCE
General Counsel

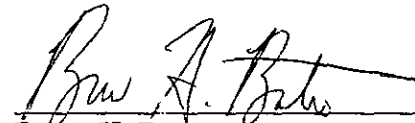


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I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed or hand-delivered to all counsel or parties of record as shown on the attached service list this 10th day of October 2000.



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MEMORANDUM

To: Missouri Public Service Commission Official Case File
Tariff File No. 200100252 Case No. TA-2000-323
2nd Century Communications, Inc.

From: Sara Buyak *BN 10-6-00*
Telecommunications Department

[Signature] 10/10/00
Utility Operations Division/Date

Wm K Haas 10/10/00 *[Signature]* 10-10-00
General Counsel's Office/Date

Subject: Staff Recommendation to approve the tariff for 2nd Century Communications Group, Inc.

Date: October 6, 2000

On September 6, 2000, 2nd Century Communications Group, Inc. (2nd Century) submitted a proposed tariff (P.S.C. MO Tariff No. 1) to provide resale and facilities-based telecommunications services. In the Order Granting Certificate to Provide Basic Local Telecommunications Services effective June 19, 2000, the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission):

- Approved the Unanimous Stipulation and Agreement filed on May 31, 2000;
- Granted 2nd Century's motion for leave to amend filed on May 14, 2000;
- Granted a certificate of service authority to provide basic local and local exchange telecommunications services, subject to the conditions of certification and all applicable statutes and Commission rules;
- Classified 2nd Century as a competitive telecommunications company;
- Waived certain statutes and Commission rules;
- Instructed 2nd Century to file tariff sheets with a 45-day effective date;
- Instructed 2nd Century to file tariff within 30 days after the interconnection agreement is approved;
- Instructed 2nd Century to give notice of tariff filing to all parties or participants; and,
- Conditioned 2nd Century's certification and competitive status on the requirement that any increases in switched access service rates above the maximum switched access rates set forth in the agreement must be cost-justified.

On August 21, 2000, 2nd Century and Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (SWBT) filed an Interconnection Agreement, Case No. TO-2001-109. The staff recommendation was filed on September 27, 2000.

Proposed Competitive Local Exchange (CLEC) Tariff

The Telecom Department Staff (Staff) has reviewed 2nd Century's proposed CLEC tariff and finds it conforms to the Commission's standards as set forth in the Order in Case No. TA-2000-323 (Certification Order). 2nd Century's proposed CLEC tariff covers the provision of resale and facilities-based telecommunications services for the use of business customers. 2nd Century's proposed tariff contains a list of the approved waivers listed in the Certification Order, sections on additional obligations of 2nd Century's, its products, services, and lists the description services beginning on page 24 and local calling areas beginning on page 51, in which it will provide service.

Customers will be able to place or receive calls to access E-911 emergency service, operator assistance, directory assistance, and place or receive calls within the SWBT and GTE's exchanges.

2nd Century proposes to charge for local business service, a recurring and non-recurring charge ranging from \$45.00/\$35.00 for business customers. 2nd Century proposes to provide vertical services such as caller ID and call blocking.

Staff Recommendation

2nd Century submitted substitute sheets at Staff's request on October 3, 2000, October 4, 2000, and October 6, 2000. These substitute sheets were reviewed and found acceptable. The specific tariff sheets recommended for approval are 2nd Century P.S.C Mo. No. 1, Original Sheet No. 1 through Original Sheet 51 and P.S.C. Mo. No. 3 Original Sheet No. 1 through Original Sheet No. 2. 2nd Century concurs with the rates, terms, and conditions of the Access Services and Regulations tariff of Southwestern Bell. The Staff has reviewed 2nd Century's proposed CLEC tariff, and has no objection to Commission approval of the proposed tariff, as amended. Staff further recommends that the proposed tariff should take effect concurrent with or after approval of the Interconnection Agreement submitted in Case No. TO-2001-109 and name change in Case No. TO-2001-134.

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Case No. TA-2000-323/TO-2001-134
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