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RE:

Case No. 36-2000-209 PSC MO Tariff No. 2 FILED²

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Missouri Public Service Commission

Dear Phil:

Enclosed is the revised Tariff No. 2, (one original and 3 copies) incorporating the changes you suggested during our conference call.

Should you have any further questions or suggested revisions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

We look forward to finalizing this Application.

Sincerely,

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TITLE SHEET

INTEREXCHANGE MISSOURI TELECOMMUNICATIONS TARIFF

This interexchange tariff contains the descriptions, regulations, and rates applicable to the provision of resale and facilities-based interexchange telecommunications services provided by Computer Business Sciences, Inc.("CBS") with principal offices at 80-02 Kew Gardens Road, Kew Gardens, New York 11415. This tariff applies for services furnished within the state of Missouri. This tariff is on file with the Public Service Commission of Missouri, and copies may be inspected, during normal business hours, at the Company's principal place of business. CBS is a competitive telecommunications company as defined in Mo. PSC Case No. TO-88-142 within the State of Missouri.

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WAIVER OF RULES AND REGULATIONS

Pursuant to Case No. TA-95-387, the following statutes and rules have been waived for purposes of offering telecommunications services as set forth herein:

Statutes

Section 392.240(1)	- ratemaking
Section 392.270	 valuation of property (ratemaking)
Section 392.280	 depreciation accounts
Section 392.290	 issuance of securities
Section 392.310	 stock and debt issuance
Section 392.320	 stock dividend payment
Section 392.330	- issuance of securities, debts and notes
Section 392.340	- reorganization(s)

Commission Rules

4 CSR 240-10.020	 depreciation fund income
4 CSR 240-30.010(2)(C)	- rate schedules
4 CSR 240-30-040	- uniform system of accounts
4 CSR 240-32.030(1)(B)	 exchange boundary maps
4 CSR 240-32.030(1)(C)	 record keeping
4 CSR 240-32.030(2)	 in-state record keeping
4 CSR 240-32.050(3)	 local office record keeping
4 CSR 240-32.050(4)	 telephone directories
4 CSR 240-32.050(5)	- intercept
4 CSR 240-32.050(6)	- telephone number changes
4 CSR 240-32.070(4)	 public coin telephone
4 CSR 240-33.030	 minimum charges rule
4 CSR 240-33.040(5)	- finance fee

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SYMBOLS

The following are the only symbols used for the purposes indicated below:

- D Delete or Discontinue
- I Change Resulting In An Increase to A Customer's Bill
- M Moved From Another Tariff Location
- N- New
- R Change Resulting In A Reduction to A Customer's Bill
- T Change In Text or Regulation But No Change In Rate or Charge

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TARIFF FORMAT

- A. <u>Sheet Numbering</u> Sheet numbers appear in the upper right corner of the page. Sheets are numbered sequentially. However, new sheets are occasionally added to the tariff. When a new sheet is added between sheets already in effect, a decimal is added. For example, a new sheet added between sheets 14 and 16 would be 14.1.
- B. <u>Sheet Revision Numbers</u> Revision numbers also appear in the upper right corner of each page. These numbers are used to determine the most current sheet version on file with the PPUC. For example, the 4th revised Sheet 14 cancels the 3rd revised Sheet 14. Because of various suspension periods, deferrals, etc. the PSCK follows in their tariff approval process, the most current sheet number on file with the Commission is not always the tariff page in effect. Consult the Check Sheet for the sheet currently in effect.
- C. <u>Paragraph Numbering Sequence</u> There are nine levels of paragraph coding. Each level of coding is subservient to its next higher level:

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SECTION 1 - TECHNICAL TERMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

Access Line – A facility arrangement which connects Customer's or Authorized User's location to the Company's network switching center.

Additional Period – The rate element used to bill chargeable time when a call continues beyond the Initial Period. The Additional Period starts when the Initial Period ends. Additional Period rates apply to any fraction of the time period for chargeable time beyond the Initial Period. Additional Periods vary by rate schedule and are specified in each individual rate table contained in later sections of this tariff.

ANI – A calling telephone number identification which is forwarded to a interexchange carrier by a LEC as a call is placed.

Authorization Code - A numerical code, one or more of which are available to Customers to enable them to access the Company's network, and which are used by the carrier both to prevent unauthorized access to its facilities and to identify Customers for billing purposes.

Authorized User - A natural person or legal entity which is authorized by the Customer to use the Company's Service under the terms and regulations of this tariff.

Casual Calling - Access to the Company's network and the subsequent use of Service by the Customer through the dialing of a toll-free number or access code in the format of 10XXX or 101XXXX, where the three (3) digits or the four (4) digits represented by the "X" are the unique Carrier Identification Code (CIC) assigned to the Company.

CBS – Used throughout this tariff to refer to Computer Business Sciences, Inc.

CIC - An interexchange carrier identification code.

Commission - The Missouri Public Service Commission.

Company or Carrier - Computer Business Sciences, Inc. ("CBS") unless otherwise clearly indicated by the context.

Customer - The person, firm, partnership, corporation or other entity which arranges for the Company to provide, discontinue or rearrange telecommunications services on behalf of itself or others; uses the Carrier's telecommunications services; and is responsible for payment of charges, all under the provisions and terms of this tariff.

Dedicated Access - See Special Access.

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SECTION 1 - TECHNICAL TERMS AND ABBREVIATIONS (cont'd)

Equal Access – A form of dialed access provided by local exchange companies whereby telephone calls dialed by the Customer are automatically routed to the Company's network. Customers may also route calls to the Company's network by dialing an access code provided by the Company.

Initial Period – The initial period is the length of a call for minimum billing purposes. The initial periods vary by rate schedule and are specified in each individual rate table contained in other sections of this tariff.

LATA – A geographic area existing on February 8, 1996, as previously established by the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia in Civil Action No. 82-0192, or established by a Bell operating company after February 8, 1996, and approved by the FCC.

LEC - Local Exchange Carrier.

IXC - Interexchange Carrier.

Off-Net - Services offered off the Company's network, as in provision of services via a reselling arrangement with the RBOC

On-Net - Services offered on the Company's network.

Pay Telephone – Telephone instruments provided by the Company, Customer, Confinement Institution or other third party for use by the transient general public. Pay Telephones permit the user to place calls to other parties and bill such calls on a non sent-paid or sent paid-basis. To facilitate sent-paid calling, Pay Telephones can be equipped with a credit card reader, coin box, or similar device that allows charges to be collected for each call at the instrument.

PIC - Primary interexchange carrier.

PIC Authorization – A Customer's or End User's selection of a PIC that meets the requirements of federal and state law.

Premises – A building or buildings on contiguous property.

Primary Carrier - The IXC designated by Customer or End User as its first routing choice and primary overflow carrier.

Primary Carrier Service - Outbound long distance service provided to a customer when CBS is selected as the Customer's Primary Carrier.

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Private Line - A dedicated path between two locations.

Serving Wire Center -- A specified geographic point from which the vertical and horizontal coordinate is used in calculation of airline mileage.

Special Access – Where originating or terminating access between the Customer and the Company is provided on dedicated circuits. A method of reaching the Company's Services whereby the Customer is connected directly to the Company's access point without utilizing the services of the local switched network.

Switched Access – Where access between the Customer and the Company is provided on local exchange company Feature Group circuits and the connection to the Customer is a LEC-provided business or residential access line. The cost of switched Feature Group access is billed to the Company.

Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD) – A machine that uses the transmission of coded signals instead of verbal communications to enable hearing impaired users to communicate with each other and with non-hearing impaired individuals.

Travel Card Call – A service whereby the Customer or Authorized User dials all of the digits necessary to route and bill a call placed from a location other then his/her residence or normal place of business. Service is accessed via a "1-800" or other toll-free access code dialing sequence.

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SECTION 2 - RULES AND REGULATIONS

2.1 <u>Undertaking of CBS</u>

CBS services and facilities are furnished for communications originating at specified points within the state of Missouri under terms of this Tariff.

CBS installs, operates, and maintains the communication services provided here under in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth under this Tariff. It may act as the customer's agent for ordering access connection facilities provided by other carriers or entities when authorized by the customer, to allow connection of a customer's location to the CBS network. The customer shall be responsible for all charges due for such service arrangement.

The Company's services and facilities are provided on a monthly basis unless ordered on a longer term basis, and are available twenty-four hours per day, seven days per week.

2.2 Limitations

- 2.2.1 Service is offered subject to the availability of facilities and the provisions of this tariff.
- 2.2.2 CBS reserves the right to discontinue furnishing service, or limit the use of service necessitated by conditions beyond its control; or when the customer is using service in violation of the law or the provisions of this Tariff.
- 2.2.3 All facilities provided under this Tariff are directly controlled by CBS and the customer may not transfer or assign the use of service or facilities, except with the express written consent of the Company. Such transfer or assignment shall only apply where there is no interruption of the use or location of the service or facilities.

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2.2 <u>Limitations</u> (Cont.)

- 2.2.4 Prior written permission from the Company is required before any assignment or transfer. All regulations and conditions contained in this Tariff shall apply to all such permitted assignees or transferees, as well as all conditions for service.
- 2.2.5 Customers reselling or rebilling service must have a certificate of public convenience and necessity as an interexchange carrier from the Public Service Commission of Missouri.

2.3 <u>Liabilities of the Company</u>

2.3.1 CBS's liability for damages arising out of mistakes, interruptions, omissions, delays, errors, or defects in the transmission occurring in the course of furnishing service or facilities, and not caused by the negligence of its employees or its agents, in no event shall exceed an amount equivalent to the proportionate charge to the customers for the period during which the aforementioned faults in transmission occur, unless ordered by the Commission; i.e., if the fault lasts for up to 48 hours, customer would not be charged for 1/3rd month of service, up to 72 hours customer would not be charged for a full month of service.

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- 2.3 <u>Liabilities of the Company</u> (cont'd)
 - 2.3.2 CBS shall be indemnified and held harmless by the customer against:
 - 2.3.2.1 Claims for libel, slander, or infringement of copyright arising out of the material, data, information, or other content transmitted over the Company's facilities.
 - 2.3.1.2 All other claims arising out of any act or omission of the customer in connection with any service or facility provided by CBS

2.4 Interruption of Service

- 2.4.1 Credit allowance for the interruption of service which is not due to the Company's testing or adjusting, negligence of the customer, or to the failure of channels or equipment provided by the customer, are subject to the general liability provisions set forth in 2.3.1 herein. It shall be obligation of the customer to notify The Company immediately of any interruption in service for which a credit allowance is desired. Before giving such notice, the customer shall ascertain that the trouble is not being caused by any action or omission by the customer within his control, or is not in wiring or equipment, if any, furnished by the customer and connected to the Company's facilities.
- 2.4.2 For purposes of credit computation, every month shall be considered to have 720 hours.

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- 2.4 Interruption of Service (cont'd)
 - 2.4.3 No credit shall be allowed for an interruption of a continuous duration of less than two hours.

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2.5 Restoration of Service

The use and restoration of service shall be in accordance with the priority system specified in part 64, Subpart D of the Rules and Regulations of the Federal Communications Commission.

2.6 Deposits

The Company does not require a deposit from the customer.

2.7 Advance Payments

For customers whom the Company determines an advance payment is necessary, CBS reserves the right to collect an amount not to exceed two (2) months' estimated charges as an advance payment for service. This will be applied against the next month's charge; and if necessary a new advance payment will be collected for the next month.

2.8 Taxes

2.8.1 All state and local taxes (i.e., gross receipts tax sales tax, municipal utilities tax) are listed as separate line items on the Customer's bill and are not included in the quoted rates and charges set forth in this tariff. To the extent that a municipality, other political subdivision or local agency of government, or Commission imposes upon and collects from the Company a gross receipts tax, occupation tax, license tax, permit fee, franchise fee, or regulatory fee, such taxes and fees shall, insofar as practicable and allowed by law, be billed pro rate to Customers receiving service from the Company within the territorial limits of such municipality, other political subdivision or local agency of government.

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2.8 Taxes (cont'd)

- 2.8.2 Additional surcharges and fees not subject to Commission jurisdiction may appear on the Customer bill. All charges and fees subject to Commission jurisdiction, except taxes and franchise fees, must be submitted to the Commission for prior approval.
- 2.8.3 The Company may adjust its rates and charges or impose additional rates and charges on its Customers in order to recover amounts it is required by governmental or quasi-governmental authorities to collect from or pay to others in support of statutory or regulatory programs. Examples of such programs include, but are not limited to, the Universal Service Fund (USF), the Presubscribed Interexchange Carrier Charge (PICC), and compensation to pay telephone service providers for the use of their pay telephones to access the Company's service.
- 2.8.4 Taxes and Fees for Debit Cards (Prepaid). The debit card service rate does not include federal excise tax or state and local taxes which are required to be paid at the point of sale. The tariffed rate does include state and local taxes, which are required to be paid on usage of the underlying telecommunications service when that service originates and terminates within a particular tax jurisdiction.

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2.9 <u>Disconnection of Service</u>

The Company (carrier), upon fourteen (14) working days' written notice to customer with a second written notice to customer 7 days before actual disconnection, may discontinue service or cancel an application for service without incurring any liability for any of the following reasons:

- 2.9.1 Non-payment of any sum due to carrier for regulated service for more than thirty (30) days beyond the date of rendition of the bill for such service.
- 2.9.2 A violation of any regulation governing the service under this tariff.
- 2.9.3 A violation of any law, rule or regulation of any government authority having jurisdiction over such service.

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2.10 Billing Procedures

Rendering and Payment. Customer bills are issued monthly. The Customer will receive its bill on or about the same day of each month. Months are presumed to have 30 days. The billing date is dependent on the billing cycle assigned to the Customer. Each bill contains monthly recurring charges billed in advance, and the last date for timely payment. The Company will prorate monthly recurring charges based on a 30 day month.

Bills are due and payable as specified on the bill. Bills may be paid by mail or in person at the business office of the Company or an agency authorized to receive such payment. All charges for service are payable only in United States currency. Payment may be made by cash, check, money order or cashier's check.

Customer payments are considered prompt when received by the Company or its agent by the due date on the bill. The due date is 30 days after the bill is rendered and is designated by the due date on the Customer's bill to timely pay the charges stated. The Company will credit payments within 24 hours of receipt.

Any objections to billed charges should be promptly reported to the Company. Adjustments to Customers' bills shall be made to the extent that records are available and/or circumstances exist which reasonably indicate that such charges are not in accordance with approved rates or that an adjustment may otherwise be appropriate.

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SECTION 3 - DESCRIPTION OF SERVICE

3.1 <u>Timing of Calls</u>

The customer's long distance usage charge is based on the actual usage of CBS's network. Usage begins when called party picks up the receiver. When the called party picks up is determined by hardware answer supervision in which the local telephone company sends a signal to the switch or the software utilizing audio tone detection. When software answer supervision is employed, up to 60 seconds of ringing is allowed before it is billed as usage of the network. A call is terminated when the calling or called party hangs up. There is no charge for an uncompleted call.

3.2 Minimum Call Completion Rate

A customer can expect a call completion rate (number of calls completed/number of calls attempted) of not less than 90% during peak use periods for all FG D services ("1+" dialing).

3.3 Private Line Services

Private Line Services will be made available to customers in a non-discriminatory manner. Rates for interexchange and local exchange dedicated access, private line, non-switched services will be determined on an Individual Case Basis (ICB). ICB rates will be structured to recover the Company's cost of providing the service and will be made available to the Missouri Public Service Commission Staff upon request on a proprietary basis. ICB rates will not be used for switched services.

3.4 xDSL Service

CBS's xDSL is a combination of non-switched, local exchange technologies that allow multiple forms of data, video and voice (with QoS or Quality of Service guarantees) that are carried over standard twisted pair copper, or UNEs (Unbundled Network Elements), on the local loop between the central office and consumer site.

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SECTION 3 - DESCRIPTION OF SERVICE (cont'd)

3.4 xDSL Service (cont'd)

Services will include access to/from the Public Switched Network. The Company will route traffic by the use of telephone numbers, i.e. NPA-NXX-XXXX. Rates, terms and conditions for such services are defined within this tariff.

3.5 Hearing or Speech Impaired Persons

Rates for certain calls are reduced for a residence or single-line business customer who meet the following requirements:

The customer is certified to the Company as having a hearing or speech impairment that prevents telephone voice communication.

The customer uses a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) or other non-voice equipment for telecommunications.

The customer makes written application to the Company for reduced rates.

The customer designates to the Company one and only one telephone number associated with that customer's service and telecommunications device.

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SECTION 3 - DESCRIPTION OF SERVICE (cont.)

3.6 General Description of CBS's Communication Services

CBS is a provider of local, long distance telecommunications and xDSL services. See Section 4 – Rates for breakdown of actual rates.

CBS Long Distance Service is an interexchange telecommunications service that enables an end-user to place calls by accessing the CBS network directly. Customers will be assigned their own 7 digit telephone number (plus area code) and will be able to make local and long distance telephone calls directly from that number.

Customers can make calls on the CBS network ("On-Net") to other callers that are also on the network at flat rate prices.

Customers can make calls off the CBS network ("Off-Net") to any other telephone number at per-minute rates.

Travel Card Calls and Casual Card Calling. These services are accessed by establishing an account with the Company, having an authorization code issued, and dialing a 7 digit access code. The end-user accesses the network by dialing either (NPA) NXX-XXXX or a toll-free number -- (800) XXX - XXXX. This service is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

CBS' xDSL service provides multiple forms of data and video as well as high speed internet access and is available to both On-Net and Off-Net Customers at flat rate prices.

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SECTION 3 - DESCRIPTION OF SERVICE (cont.)

3.5 <u>Directory Assistance</u>

Directory Assistance is available to customers of any of CBS's services. The charge applies to each call regardless of whether the Directory Assistance Bureau is able to furnish the requested telephone number. Up to two requests may be made on each Directory Assistance call. Directory Assistance charges will not count towards any volume discounts.¹

3.6 Calculation of Distance

CBS's rates are not distance sensitive.

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¹Directory Assistance charges will be included with other usage charges when calculating volume discounts and in satisfying minimum usage requirements.

SECTION 4 - RATES

4.1 Rates

Off-net
Nonrecurring
\$0.00

Off-net On-net
Recurring Non-recurring
\$0.00 \$0.00

On-net
ng Recurring
\$15.00

Local Exchange Dial Tone (On-Net): (unlimited local and local distance service)

These charges are flat rate charges incurred for those customers choosing to make their calls specifically through CBS' IG2® Network to other callers also on the network. There are no other extraneous fees in that case for standard local and domestic long distance calling. Recurring Charges are monthly.

Local Exchange Dial Tone (Off-net)

Local calls

\$.08 per minute

Long Distance

\$.09 per minute to anywhere in the U.S.

Travel Card Calls and Casual Card Calling

\$.05 per minute using 1(local area code) + access number

\$.10 per minute using 1(800) + access number

Off-net

Off-net

On-net

On-net

High Speed Access (XDSL):

Nonrecurring \$0.00

Recurring \$65.700

Non-recurring \$0.00

Recurring \$65.00

4.2 Special Promotions

CBS may, upon Commission approval, offer customers specific rate incentives during specified promotional periods. CBS will provide written notice to the Commission at least 7 days prior to the commencement of a promotional program specifying the terms of the promotion, the specific service offered, and the beginning and ending dates of the promotional period.

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SECTION 4 – RATES (cont.)

4.3 Special Rates For The Handicapped

4.3.2 <u>Directory Assistance</u>

There shall be no charge for up to fifty calls per billing cycle from lines or trunks serving individuals with disabilities. The Company shall charge the prevailing tariff rates for every call in excess of 50 within a billing cycle.

4.3.3 Telecommunications Relay Service

For intrastate toll calls received from the relay service, the Company will when billing relay calls discount relay service calls by 50 percent off of the otherwise applicable rate for a voice nonrelay call except that where either the calling or called party indicates that either party is both hearing and visually impaired, the call shall be discounted 60 percent off of the otherwise applicable rate for a voice nonrelay call. The above discounts apply only to time-sensitive elements of a charge for the call and shall not apply to per call charges such as a credit card surcharge.

4.4 Late Charges and Return Check Charges

Interest charges of 1.5% per month will be assessed on all unpaid balances not in dispute more than thirty (30) days old.

A return check charge of \$25.00 will be assessed for checks returned for insufficient funds if the face value does not exceed \$50.00; \$30.00 if the face value does exceed \$50.00 but does not exceed \$300.00; \$40.00 of the face value exceeds \$300.00 or 5% of the value of the check, whichever is greater. The company may waive the bad check charge under appropriate circumstances.

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SECTION 5 – Switched Access Service

5.1 <u>Switched Access Service</u>

CBS concurs with the rates, terms, and conditions of Southern Bell Company (SBC; Southwestern Bell) for its Switched Access Service.

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