

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of Reduced Rate)
Long Distance, LLC and Horizon Telecom, Inc. for)
Approval of a Transfer of Assets) **Case No. XM-2008-0371**

ORDER DIRECTING STAFF TO FILE RECOMMENDATION

Issue Date: May 30, 2008

Effective Date: May 30, 2008

On May 27, 2008, Reduced Rate Long Distance, LLC (“RRLD”)¹ and Horizon Telecom, Inc. (“Horizon”)² (collectively, “Joint Applicants”) submitted a verified joint application to the Commission seeking its approval of a transaction whereby, pursuant to an Asset Purchase Agreement they executed on December 1, 2007, RRLD would acquire substantially all of Horizon’s assets (including, but not limited to, Horizon’s Missouri customer accounts) in exchange for the purchase price set forth in the Agreement. The Joint Applicants further requested that the Commission cancel Horizon’s existing Missouri tariffs and certificate of service authority and permit Horizon to discontinue providing telecommunications service to its former customers upon consummation of the transaction, and advised that the transaction “will not change the rates, terms and conditions under which Horizon’s [former] customers will receive service” from RRLD.

¹ The pleadings aver that RRLD is a Nevada limited liability corporation headquartered in Florida which has been issued a certificate of good standing from the Missouri Secretary of State and has been certificated to provide resold long distance telecommunications services in Missouri since September 2001. See Case No. TA-2002-55 (order effective Sept. 26, 2001).

² The pleadings state that Horizon is a Nevada corporation headquartered in Nevada which has been issued a certificate of good standing from the Missouri Secretary of State and has been certificated to provide resold

Before acting on the joint application, the Commission would like to have a recommendation from its Staff.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. The Staff of the Commission shall, by no later than June 30, 2008, file its recommendation regarding the Joint Application filed by Reduced Rate Long Distance, LLC and Horizon Telecom, Inc. on May 27, 2008.
2. This order shall become effective on May 30, 2008.

BY THE COMMISSION



Colleen M. Dale
Secretary

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Benjamin H. Lane, Regulatory
Law Judge, by delegation of authority
under Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 30th day of May, 2008.

long distance telecommunications services in Missouri since December 2002. See Case No. XA-2003-0180 (order effective Dec. 27, 2002).