

OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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

ORDER SETTING INTERVENTION DEADLINE

Issue Date: June 25, 2008

Effective Date: June 25, 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.

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

and advised that the transaction “will not change the rates, terms and conditions under which Horizon’s [former] customers will receive service” from RRLD.

The Commission has already requested a recommendation from its Staff by no later than July 10, 2008. Proper persons wishing to intervene shall file an application to intervene with the Secretary of the Missouri Public Service Commission no later than July 7, 2008. Copies of the application to intervene should be sent to the parties listed below.

The requirement for a hearing is fulfilled when all those having a desire to be heard are offered an opportunity to be heard. If no proper party is granted intervention and neither the Commission’s Staff nor the Office of the Public Counsel requests a hearing, the Commission may determine that a hearing is not necessary, permit the Joint Applicants to submit evidence in support of their joint application by verified statement, and make a decision based on the verified pleadings.³

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. Any interested person wishing to request a hearing or intervene in this case shall file a request or an application on or before July 7, 2008 with:

Colleen M. Dale, Secretary
Missouri Public Service Commission
Post Office Box 360
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102-0360.

Copies shall also be served upon the following:

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³ See *State ex rel. Rex Deffenderfer Enterprises, Inc. v. Public Service Commission*, 776 S.W.2d 494, 496 (Mo. App. W.D. 1989).

and

Office of the Public Counsel
Post Office Box 2230
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102-2230.

2. This order shall become effective on June 25, 2008.

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Colleen M. Dale', written over a horizontal line.

Colleen M. Dale
Secretary

(S E A L)

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

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 25th day of June, 2008.