# BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of Residential	)
Long Distance, Inc. for a Certificate of Service	)
Authority to Provide Interexchange	)
Telecommunication Services throughout the	)
State of Missouri, and to Classify Applicant as	)
Competitive	)

File No. TO-2011-0386 Tariff No. YX-2011-0614

## ORDER APPROVING INTEREXCHANGE CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE AUTHORITY AND ORDER APPROVING TARIFF

Issue Date: July 8, 2011 Effective Date: July 17, 2011

This order grants Residential Long Distance, Inc. (Residential) a certificate of service authority to provide interexchange telecommunications services and approves the company's proposed tariff.

Residential Long Distance, Inc. (Residential) applied to the Public Service Commission on June 2, 2011, for a certificate of service authority to provide intrastate interexchange telecommunications services in Missouri under Section 392.440, RSMo 2000. Residential asked the Commission to classify it as a competitive company and waive certain statutes and rules as authorized by Sections 392.361 and 392.420. Residential is a Nevada corporation with its principal office located at 300 Maple Park Rd., Ste. 301, St. Clair Shores, Michigan 48081.

The Commission issued a Notice of Applications for Intrastate Certificates of Service Authority and Opportunity to Intervene on June 3, directing those wishing to intervene to file their requests by June 22. No requests for intervention were filed.

Residential filed a proposed tariff in conjunction with its application and filed a substitute tariff on July 6. The tariff's effective date is July 17. Residential's tariff describes the rates, rules, and regulations it intends to use, identifies Residential as a competitive company, and lists the waivers requested. Residential intends to provide interexchange telecommunications services including interexchange services, including outbound dialing and directory assistance services.

In its Memorandum filed on July 6, the Staff of the Commission recommended that the Commission grant Residential a certificate of service authority, competitive status, and a waiver of certain statutes and Commission rules. Staff recommended that the Commission approve the proposed tariff as amended to become effective on July 17.

The Commission finds that competition in the intrastate interexchange telecommunications market is in the public interest and Residential shall be granted a certificate of service authority. The Commission finds that the services Residential proposes to offer are competitive, and Residential shall be classified as a competitive company. The Commission finds that waiving the statutes and Commission rules set out in the ordered paragraph below is reasonable and not detrimental to the public interest.

The Commission finds that Residential's proposed tariff details the services, equipment, and pricing it proposes to offer. The Commission finds that the proposed tariff as substituted on July 6, shall be approved to become effective on July 17.

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, if it is a corporation, 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 Supp. 2009, 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:

 Residential Long Distance, Inc. is granted a certificate of service authority to provide intrastate interexchange telecommunications services in the state of Missouri, subject to all applicable statutes and Commission rules except as specified in this order.

- 2. The certification granted herein is conditioned upon the company's compliance with the regulatory obligations in this order.
- 3. Residential Long Distance, Inc. is classified as a competitive telecommunications company. Application of the following statutes and regulatory rules shall be waived:

#### **Statutes**

392.210.2 - uniform system of accounts 392.240.1 - rates-rentals-service & physical connections 392.270 valuation of property (ratemaking) 392.280 - depreciation accounts 392.290 - issuance of securities 392.300 - acquisition of stock 392.310 - stock and debt issuance 392.320 - stock dividend payment - issuance of securities, debts and notes 392.330 392.340 - reorganization(s)

### **Commission Rules**

4 CSR 240-3.550(4) held Orders 4 CSR 240-3.550(5)(A) - quarterly Service 4 CSR 240-10.020 - depreciation fund income 4 CSR 240-30.040 - uniform system of accounts - engineering and maintenance 4 CSR 240-32.060 - quality of service 4 CSR 240-32.070 4 CSR 240-32.080 - service objectives and surveillance levels 4 CSR 240-33.040(1-3) and (5-10) - billing and payment standards 4 CSR 240-33.045 - identification/placement of charges on bills 4 CSR 240-33.080(1) - company name and toll-free number on bills 4 CSR 240-33.130(1), (4) and (5) - operator service requirements

4. The tariff, as substituted, filed by Residential Long Distance, Inc. on July 6, 2011, under tariff number YX-2011-0614, is approved to become effective on July 17. The tariff approved is:

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- 5. This order shall become effective on July 17, 2011.
- 6. This file may be closed on July 18, 2011.

#### BY THE COMMISSION

Steven C. Reed Secretary

(SEAL)

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

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 8<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2011.