# OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of Pelzer Communications	)	
Corporation for a Certificate of Service Authority to	)	
Provide Interexchange Telecommunications Services	)	Case No. XA-2007-0110
and to Classify Such Services and the Company as	)	Tariff No. YX-2007-0189
Competitive.	)	

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

Issue Date: October 23, 2006 Effective Date: November 5, 2006

Syllabus: This order grants Pelzer Communications Corporation a certificate of service authority to provide interexchange telecommunications services and approves the company's proposed tariff.

Pelzer Communications Corporation applied to the Public Service Commission on September 21, 2006, for a certificate of service authority to provide intrastate interexchange telecommunications services in Missouri under Section 392.440, RSMo 2000. Pelzer 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. Pelzer is a Maryland corporation with its principal office located at 8757 Georgia Avenue, Suite 410, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910.

The Commission issued a Notice of Applications for Intrastate Certificates of Service Authority and Opportunity to Intervene on October 3, 2006, directing parties

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> All statutory references are to the Revised Statutes of Missouri (RSMo), revision of 2000, unless otherwise indicated.

wishing to intervene to file their requests by October 18, 2006. No requests for intervention were filed.

Pelzer filed a proposed tariff in conjunction with its application and filed substitute sheets on September 21, 2006. The tariff's effective date is November 5, 2006. Pelzer's tariff describes the rates, rules, and regulations it intends to use, identifies Pelzer as a competitive company, and lists the waivers requested. Pelzer intends to provide interexchange telecommunications services including direct outbound dialing (1+ and 101XXXX), 800 and 888 (inbound Toll-Free), travel cards, and prepaid calling card services.

In its Memorandum filed on October 20, 2006, the Staff of the Commission recommended that the Commission grant Pelzer a certificate of service authority, competitive status, and waiver of the statutes and rules listed in the Notice. Staff recommended that the Commission approve the proposed tariff as amended to become effective on November 5, 2006.

The Commission finds that competition in the intrastate interexchange telecommunications market is in the public interest and Pelzer shall be granted a certificate of service authority. The Commission finds that the services Pelzer proposes to offer are competitive, and Pelzer 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 Pelzer's proposed tariff details the services, equipment, and pricing it proposes to offer. The Commission finds that the proposed tariff

filed on September 21, 2006, shall be approved as amended to become effective on November 5, 2006.

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. 2005, 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.

#### IT IS ORDERED THAT:

- 1. Pelzer Communications Corporation 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. Pelzer Communications Corporation 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
392.300.2	-	acquisition of stock
392.310	-	stock and debt issuance
392.320	-	stock dividend payment
392.330	-	issuance of securities, debts and notes
392.340	-	reorganization(s)

#### **Commission Rules**

4 CSR 240-10.020	-	depreciation fund income
4 CSR 240-30.040	-	uniform system of accounts

4. The tariff filed by Pelzer Communications Corporation on September 21, 2006, under tariff number YX-2007-0189, is approved as amended to become effective on November 5, 2006. The tariff approved is:

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- 5. This order shall become effective on November 5, 2006.
- 6. This case may be closed on November 6, 2006.

BY THE COMMISSION

Colleen M. Dale Secretary

(SEAL)

Cherlyn Voss, Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of October, 2006.