# DEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of Reunion Communications, Inc. for a Certificate of	)	File No. XA-2011-0234 Tariff No. YX-2011-0352
Service Authority to Provide Interexchange	)	
Telecommunications Services in the State of	)	
Missouri and for Competitive Classification	)	

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

Issue Date: February 15, 2011 Effective Date: February 27, 2011

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

Reunion applied to the Public Service Commission on January 13, 2011, for a certificate of service authority to provide intrastate interexchange telecommunications services in Missouri under Section 392.440, RSMo 2000. Reunion 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, RSMo Cum. Supp. 2009. Reunion is an Illinois corporation with its principal office located at 106 West Calendar Avenue #190, LaGrange, Illinois 60525.

The Commission issued a Order Directing Notice of Application for Certificate of Service Authority and Setting Intervention Deadline on January 14, setting an intervention deadline of February 1. No requests for intervention were filed.

Reunion filed a proposed tariff in conjunction with its application and filed a substitute sheet on February 9. The tariff's effective date is February 27. Reunion's

tariff describes the rates, rules, and regulations it intends to use, identifies Reunion as a competitive company, and lists the waivers requested. Reunion intends to provide interexchange telecommunications services including resold switched long distance interexchange services.

In its Memorandum filed on February 14, the Staff of the Commission recommended that the Commission grant Reunion a certificate of service authority, competitive status, and waiver of the standard statutes and rules as required by Section 392.420, RSMo. Staff recommended that the Commission approved the proposed tariff to become effective on February 27.

The Commission finds that competition in the intrastate interexchange telecommunications market is in the public interest and Reunion shall be granted a certificate of service authority. The Commission finds that the services Reunion proposes to offer are competitive, and Reunion 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 Reunion's proposed tariff details the services, equipment, and pricing it proposes to offer. The Commission finds that the proposed tariff filed on January 13, 2011, shall be approved as amended to become effective on February 27.

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, nonattorneys 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:

1. Reunion Communications, 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. Reunion Communications, Inc. is classified as a competitive telecommunications company. Application of the following statutes and regulatory rules shall be waived:

#### **Statutes**

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392.210.2 -
               uniform system of accounts
               rates-rentals-service & physical connections
392.240.1 -
392.270
               valuation of property (ratemaking)
392.280
               depreciation accounts
               issuance of securities
392.290
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)
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#### **Commission Rules**

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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

    uniform system of accounts

4 CSR 240-30.040
4 CSR 240-32.060
                          engineering and maintenance
4 CSR 240-32.070
                          quality of service
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
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4. The tariff filed by Reunion Communications, Inc. on January 13, 2011, under tariff number YX-20110-352, is approved to become effective on February 27, 2011. The tariff approved is:

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- 5. This order shall become effective on February 27, 2011...
- 6. This file may be closed on February 28, 2011.

BY THE COMMISSION

Steven C. Reed Secretary

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

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 15th day of February, 2011.