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TO: Missouri Public Service Commission Official Case File
Case No. TA-98-380, File No. 9900451
Green Hills Area Cellular Telephone Company Incorporated,
d/b/a Green Hills Telecommunications Services

Missouri Public
Service Commission

FROM: Lisa Mahaney, Telecommunications Department

SUBJECT: Staff Recommendation to Approve Green Hills Area Cellular Telephone Company Incorporated, d/b/a Green Hills Telecommunications Services Basic Local Exchange Tariff

[Signature] for G.H. 12/24/98
Utility Operations Division/Date

[Signature] 12/29/98
General Counsel's Office/Date

DATE: December 22, 1998

History

On December 11, 1998, Green Hills Area Cellular Telephone Company Incorporated, d/b/a Green Hills Telecommunications Services (GHTS) submitted a proposed tariff (P.S.C. MO. NO. 1.) to provide basic local exchange telecommunications service. GHTS also filed a Certification of Notice of Tariff Filing on December 11, 1998. In the Order Granting Certificate to Provide Basic Local Telecommunications Service, effective July 17, 1998, the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission):

- granted a certificate of service authority for basic local service conditional upon tariff approval,
- classified GHTS as a competitive telecommunications company,
- waived certain Statutes and Commission Rules, and
- conditioned GHTS' certification and competitive status on the requirement that any increases in switched access service rates above the maximum switched access service rates set forth in the agreement must be cost justified.

GHTS' Interconnection Agreement with GTE Midwest Incorporated and GTE Arkansas Incorporated (collectively GTE) was approved by the Commission on September 22, 1998, in Case No. TO-98-582. GHTS' Master Interconnect and Resale Agreement with Sprint Missouri, Inc., was approved by the Commission on November 17, 1998, in Case No. TO-99-75.

Proposed Tariff

The Telecommunications Department Staff (Staff) has reviewed GHTS' proposed tariff and finds it conforms to the Commission's standards as set forth in the Orders in Case Nos. TO-99-75 (Resale Agreement Order) and TA-98-380 (Certification Order). GHTS' proposed tariff covers the provision of facilities-based residential and business services. GHTS' proposed tariff contains a list of the approved waivers listed in the Order, sections on additional obligations of GHTS, products and services, and lists the one exchange in which it will provide service (Norborne).

GHTS' proposed tariff is similar to other competitive local exchange company (CLEC) tariffs previously approved by the Commission. GHTS proposes to charge a monthly rate of \$6.50 and \$13.00 respectively, for residential and business basic local exchange service. This rate includes access to local operator services, touch-tone dialing and a basic local exchange calling scope. GHTS proposes to offer intra and interLATA presubscription to its basic local service subscribers. Other services being proposed include Custom Calling Services such as call waiting, Custom Local Area Signaling (CLASS) Services such as caller identification, and 900 blocking service which is available at no charge to customers.

Staff Recommendation

On December 18, 1998, GHTS submitted substitute sheets to correct typographic errors. Staff recommends approval of GHTS' proposed tariff, P.S.C. Mo. No. 1, as amended, with an effective date of January 10, 1999. The specific tariff sheets recommended for approval are as follows:

PSC Mo. No. 1 Section 1 Original Sheet 1 through Section 35 Original Sheet 1

Staff notes that GHTS has filed a separate access services tariff in Case No. TA-98-380, File No. 9900479, effective January 21, 1999. Staff does not believe this filing affects or would be affected by the access services tariff filing.

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