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### VIA OVERNIGHT DELIVERY

Mr. Dale Roberts Chief A.L.J./Executive Secretary Missouri Public Service Commission 200 Madison Street, Suite 100 Jefferson City, MO 65102 (573) 751-3234

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Re:

Global Connection Inc. of America

Missouri Public Service Commission

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed please find for filing an original and eight (8) copies of Global Connection Inc. of America's Application for Certificate of Service Authority to Provide Interexchange Telecommunications Services Within the State of Missouri and eight (8) copies of the Interexchange Telecommunications Tariff.

I have also enclosed an extra copy of this letter to be date stamped and returned to me in the enclosed, self-addressed, postage prepaid envelope.

If you have any questions or if I may provide you with any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Please note that this Application is being submitted by myself and Judith A. Rau, Esq., Missouri Counsel, Bar # 24856.

Respectfully submitted,

Lapce J.M. Steinhart

Attorney for Global Connection Inc. of America

Enclosures

cc:

Houssam Abdallah

Office of Public Counsel Office of General Counsel

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## BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the matter of the ) Application of ) Global Connection Inc. of America)	Service Commission
for a certificate of service ) authority to provide ) interexchange telecommunications) services and to classify such ) services and the company as ) Competitive )	Case No

#### APPLICATION

Global Connection Inc. of America, ("Applicant"), a Georgia Corporation, files this verified application respectfully requesting that the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") issue an order that:

- (a) grants Applicant a Certificate of Service Authority to provide interexchange telecommunications services pursuant to Chapter 392 of the Missouri Revised Statutes.
- (b) grants competitive status to Applicant, and classifies the Applicant's services as competitive.
- (c) waives certain Commission rules and statutory provisions pursuant to Section 392.420, RSMo Cumm. Supp. 1992.

In support of its request, Applicant states:

1. The legal name and principal office or place of business of the Applicant are:

Global Connection Inc. of America 3957 Pleasantdale Road Atlanta, Georgia 30340 (678) 966-8444/Phone (770) 458-6773/Facsimile A copy of Applicant's authority to transact business in Missouri is attached hereto as Exhibit I.

2. The name and address of Applicant's in-state attorney is:

Judith A. Rau, Esq.
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119 E. Mill Street
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- 3. Applicant is a reseller of telecommunications services.

  Applicant proposes to provide interexchange telecommunications services within Missouri including direct outbound dialing (1+ and 101XXXX), 800 and 888 (inbound Toll-Free), travel cards, and prepaid calling cards. Applicant respectfully requests authority to provide service to prospective business and residential customers throughout the State of Missouri.
- 4. Applicant has the experience in the telecommunications industry and the technical and financial resources to provide telecommunications services within Missouri.
- 5. Applicant's Tariff is attached as Exhibit II. The proposed tariff contains the rules and regulations applicable to its customers, a description of the services offered, and a list of rates associated with such services.

- 6. Applicant requests classification as a competitive telecommunications company within the State of Missouri, and that its services are classified as competitive. Applicant believes that its proposed services will be subject to sufficient competition to justify a lesser degree of regulation. Granting of this application is in the public interest as it will allow greater price and service options for telephone users.
- 7. Applicant also respectfully requests, pursuant to Section 392.420 RSMo (Cum. Supp. 1992), that the Commission waive the application of the following rules and statutory provisions as it relates to the regulation of Applicant:

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392.210.2 Establish Uniform System of Accounts for Annual reports
392.240(1)Setting just and reasonable rates 392.270 Ascertain Property values
392.280 Establish Depreciation accounts
392.290 Issuance of securities
392.300.2 Acquisition of stock
392.310 Issuance of stock and debt
392.320 Stock Dividend Payment
392.330 Issuance of securities, debts and notes
392.340 Reorganization(s)
4 CSR 240-10.020
                        Depreciation fund income
4 CSR 240-3.545(2)(C) Posting exchange rates at central offices.
4 CSR 240-33.030
                        Inform customers of lowest price
                        Uniform System of Accounts
4 CSR 240-30.040
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The above-referenced rules and statutory provisions have been waived as to other interexchange carriers in prior cases.

8. Applicant, pursuant to Section 386.570, Cum. Supp. 1992, will comply with all applicable Commission rules except those which are specifically waived by the Commission pursuant to a request filed by the Applicant.

9. Correspondence or communications pertaining to this Application should be addressed to:

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- 10. The Applicant has no pending actions or final unsatisfied judgments or decisions against it from any state or federal agency or court which involve customer service or rates, which action, judgment or decision has occurred within three (3) years of the date of this application. No Commission annual reports or assessment fees are overdue.
- 11. Grant of this Application will further the public interest by expanding the availability of competitive telecommunications services in the State of Missouri. In addition, intrastate offering of these services is in the public interest because the services will provide Missouri customers with access to new technologies and service choices, and can permit customers to achieve increased efficiencies and cost savings. In particular, the public will benefit directly, through the use of the competitive services to be offered by Applicant, and indirectly, because the presence of Applicant in this market will increase the incentives for other telecommunications providers to operate more efficiently, offer more innovative services, reduce their prices, and improve their quality of service.

wherefore, Applicant, Global Connection Inc. of America, respectfully requests that the Missouri Public Service Commission grant it a certificate of service authority to provide interexchange telecommunications services within the State of Missouri. Applicant also requests classification as a competitive telecommunications company and that its services be classified as competitive. In addition Applicant requests a waiver of the above-referenced rules, and statutory provisions.

Respect that ly submitted,

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### ATTACHED EXHIBITS

Exhibit I Missouri Secretary of State Authorization

Exhibit II Tariff

### Exhibit I Missouri Secretary of State Authorization



### Matt Blunt Secretary of State

# CORPORATION DIVISION CERTIFICATE OF GOOD STANDING

MATT BLUNT, Secretary of the State of Missouri, do hereby certify that the records in my ice and in my care and custody reveal that

### GLOBAL CONNECTION INC. OF AMERICA

ng in Missouri the name

### GLOBAL CONNECTION INCORPORATED OF AMERICA F00588154

EORGIA entity was created under the laws of this State on the 14th day of May, 2004, ar in good standing, having fully complied with all requirements of this office.

TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have set my nd and imprinted the GREAT SEAL of the ate of Missouri, on this, the 29th day of June, 04

Secretary of State



# Exhibit II Tariff

State of Georgia	)
County of Forsyth	)

### **VERIFICATION**

I, Houssam Abdallah, being duly sworn, declare that I am the President of Global Connection Inc. of America, the Applicant. I verify that, based upon information and belief, I have knowledge of the statements in the foregoing Application, and I declare that they are true and correct.

Houssam Abdallah

President

Sworn to before me, the undersigned Notary Public on this 3154 day of Mana 2004.

Notary Public

Print or Type Name

My commission expires:

### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served a true copy of the foregoing Application for Certificate of Service Authority to Provide Interexchange Telecommunications Services Within the State of Missouri on the following parties, in accordance with the Commission rules:

Office of the Public Counsel P. O. Box 7800 Jefferson City, MO 65102

General Counsel Missouri Public Service Commission P. O. Box 360 Jefferson City, MO 65102

Dated this 9th day of July

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