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

In the matter of the Application of	)	
Tennessee Telephone Service, LLC	)	
d/b/a Freedom Communications USA, LLC	)	
for a Certificate of Service Authority	)	
to Provide Interexchange	)	Case No.
Telecommunications Services and to	)	
Classify Said Services and the Company	)	
as Competitive	)	

## APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFICATION OF SERVICE AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE INTEREXCHANGE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES AND FOR COMPETITIVE CLASSIFICATION

Tennessee Telephone Service, LLC d/b/a Freedom Communications USA, LLC, ("Applicant"), a Tennessee Limited Liability Company, files this verified application pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.060 and 240-3.510, 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 Ch. 392.410.1 and .2, RSMo;
- (b) grants competitive status to Applicant, and classifies the Applicant's services as competitive, pursuant to Ch. 392.361, RSMo;
- (c) waives certain Commission rules and statutory provisions, pursuant to Ch. 392.420, RSMo.; and
- (d) approve Applicant's initial tariff.

In support of its request, Applicant states:

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

Tennessee Telephone Service, LLC d/b/a Freedom Communications USA, LLC 220 Creekside Drive
Dickson, Tennessee 37035
(615) 446-2010/Phone

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A copy of Applicant's authority to transact business in Missouri is attached hereto as Exhibit I.

2. Please direct all correspondence, pleadings, discovery, and orders to:

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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 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. A description of the experience of the Applicant's management personnel is attached as Exhibit II.
- 5. Applicant's proposed interexchange tariff is attached as Exhibit III. The proposed tariff contains the rules and regulations applicable to its customers, a description of the services to be offered, and a list of rates associated with such services. Applicant requests that the Commission approve the attached tariff.
- 6. Applicant requests classification as a competitive telecommunications company within the State of Missouri, and that its services be 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 Ch. 392.420, RSMo, that the

Commission waive the application of the following rules and statutory provisions as they relate to the regulation of Applicant:

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392.210.2 Establish Uniform System of Accounts for Annual reports
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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 240-30.040 Uniform System of Accounts

The above-referenced rules and statutory provisions have been waived as to other interexchange carriers in prior cases.

- 8. Pursuant to Ch. 386.570, RSMo, Applicant 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. 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.
- 10. Granting 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 the services described in this Application 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 Tennessee Telephone Service, LLC d/b/a Freedom
Communications USA, LLC, 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. Applicant
requests a waiver of the above-referenced rules and statutory provisions. Finally, Applicant
requests that the Commission approve its initial tariff.

Respectfully submitted,

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