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March 12, 2004

Via Federal Express

Mr. Dale H. Roberts
Executive Secretary
Missouri Public Service Commission
200 Madison Street, Suite 100
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102-0360

RE: Case No. LA-2004-0124

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Please find enclosed the original and eight copies of the Application of Granite Telecommunications, LLC for Approval of the Adoption of the SBC-13 State Interconnection Agreement.

Please return one "filed" copy of the Application to me in the enclosed return envelope.

By copy of this letter, I have served copies of the enclosed Application on the Offices of Public Counsel and General Counsel.

Thank you in advance for bringing this Application to the Commission's attention.

Very truly yours,



Mark P. Johnson

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Enclosures

cc: Office of Public Counsel (w/enclosure)
Office of General Counsel (w/enclosure)

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
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In the Matter of the Application of)
Granite Telecommunications, LLC for a)
Certificate of Service Authority to)
Provide Intrastate Resold Interexchange)
Services and Resold and Facilities-Based) Case No. LA-2004-0124
Basic Local and Local Exchange)
Telecommunications Services, and for)
Designation as a Competitive)
Telecommunications Company.)

**APPLICATION OF GRANITE TELECOMMUNICATIONS, LLC FOR
APPROVAL OF THE ADOPTION OF THE SBC-13 STATE INTERCONNECTION
AGREEMENT**

COMES NOW Granite Telecommunications, LLC ("Granite" or "Company") and hereby files this Application for Approval of the Adoption of the SBC-13 State Interconnection Agreement. In support of said Application, Granite respectfully states the following:

1. Granite is a limited liability company organized under the laws of the State of Delaware on April 1, 2002. Applicant's principal office is located at:

Granite Telecommunications, LLC
234 Copeland Street
Quincy, MA 02169
Telephone: 617.847.1500
Facsimile: 617.847.0931

2. Notices, correspondence, pleadings and orders concerning this Application should be sent to the following:

Mark P. Johnson, Esq.
Trina R. LeRiche, Esq.
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3. On September 8, 2003 Granite filed its Application for Certificate of Service Authority to Provide Intrastate Interexchange Services, Basic Local, and Local Exchange Services, and for Competitive Designation, in Case No. LA-2004-0124. The Commission granted Granite's Application, and approved its tariffs, by order dated December 3, 2003.

INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT REACHED

4. Granite presents to this Commission for approval the Agreement negotiated and executed pursuant to the terms of the Federal Act. After comprehensive, good faith negotiations to address all of the complex issues involved in such an agreement, Granite and SWBT executed the Agreement on November 17 and November 27, 2003, respectively. The signature page is attached hereto as Exhibit A. The Agreement is SWBT's 13-State Interconnection Agreement. All matters between the parties have been successfully negotiated, and there are no outstanding issues requiring the assistance of mediation or arbitration.

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL

5. Granite seeks the Commission's approval of the Agreement, consistent with the provisions of the Federal Act and Missouri law. Granite believes that the implementation of this Agreement complies fully with Section 252(e) of the

Telecommunications Act of 1996 because the Agreement is consistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity and does not discriminate against any telecommunications carrier. The Agreement promotes diversity in providers, provides interconnectivity, and increases customer choices for telecommunications services.

6. Granite respectfully requests that the Commission grant expeditious approval of this Agreement, without change, suspension or other delay in its implementation. This is a bilateral Agreement, reached as a result of negotiations and compromise between competitors, and intervention by other parties is neither necessary nor appropriate.

STANDARD FOR REVIEW

7. The statutory standards of review are set forth in Section 252(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 which provides as follows:

- (1) APPROVAL REQUIRED.--Any interconnection agreement adopted by negotiation or arbitration shall be submitted for approval to the State commission. A State commission to which an agreement is submitted shall approve or reject the agreement, with written findings as to any deficiencies.
- (2) GROUNDS FOR REJECTION.--The State commission may only reject --
 - (A) an agreement (or any portion thereof) adopted by negotiation under subsection (a) if it finds that --
 - (i) the agreement (or portion thereof) discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement; or
 - (ii) the implementation of such agreement or portion is not consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity.

8. Granite does not have any pending action or final unsatisfied judgments or 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 years of the date of this Application.

9. Granite does not have any annual report or assessments which are overdue.

CONCLUSION

WHEREFORE, Granite Telecommunications, LLC respectfully requests the Commission to approve Granite's adoption of the SBC-13 State Interconnection Agreement, and grant such other relief as the Commission deems appropriate.

Respectfully submitted,

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By: 

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ATTORNEYS FOR
GRANITE TELECOMMUNICATIONS, LLC


VERIFICATION

STATE OF MISSOURI)
)
COUNTY OF JACKSON) SS:

COMES NOW Mark P. Johnson, being of lawful age and duly sworn, who swears and affirms as follows:

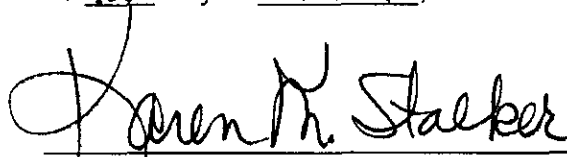
1. My name is Mark P. Johnson, and I am an attorney for Granite Telecommunications, Inc. ("Applicant"). In that capacity, I am authorized to verify the statements contained in the Application above, and the information contained therein, on behalf of Applicant.

2. The information contained in the above-described document is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief.



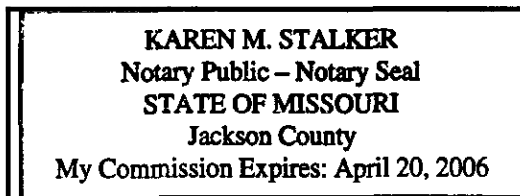
Mark P. Johnson

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12th day of March, 2004.



Notary/Public

My Commission Expires:

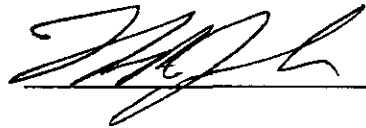


CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document has been mailed, postage prepaid, this 12th day of March, 2004, to:

Office of the Public Counsel
200 Madison Street, Suite 650
P.O. Box 2230
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102-2230

General Counsel
Missouri Public Service Commission
200 Madison Street
P.O. Box 360
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102



SBC-13STATE Agreement
Signatures

THIS AGREEMENT CONTAINS A BINDING
ARBITRATION PROVISION WHICH MAY BE
ENFORCED BY THE PARTIES.

CLEC's STATE-SPECIFIC: MO

FACILITIES-BASED OCN # _____

RESALE OCN # 9927

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Granite Telecommunications, LLC

Illinois Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Illinois,
Indiana Bell Telephone Company Incorporated d/b/a SBC
Indiana, Michigan Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC
Michigan, Nevada Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC
Nevada, The Ohio Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC
Ohio, Pacific Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC
California, The Southern New England Telephone
Company and Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a
SBC Arkansas, SBC Kansas, SBC Missouri, SBC and/or
Oklahoma, and Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a SBC Wisconsin
by SBC Telecommunications, Inc., its authorized agent

Signature: [Signature]

Name: Lee PERRY COOLMAN
(Print or Type)

Title: DIRECTOR CARRIER SALES
(Print or Type)

Date: 11/12/03

Signature: [Signature]

Name: Mike Auinbauh
(Print or Type)

Title: ^{For} President - Industry Markets

Date: NOV 27 2003

Appendix A to General Terms and Conditions

This Appendix A to the General Terms and Conditions sets forth the CLEC's election of certain options in connection with the Alternate Billed Services (ABS) Appendix attached to and made a part of this Agreement. CLEC will place an "X" within the appropriate box indicating the Billing Option CLEC selects for either 1) All States or 2) a Specific State, in which this Agreement is being filed. If CLEC fails to select one of the billing options identified below, the default selection of ABS Billing Option 1 will be selected on CLEC's behalf.

| BILLING OPTIONS | ALL STATES | SPECIFIC STATE(S) |
|----------------------|------------|-------------------|
| ABS BILLING OPTION 1 | | MISSOURI |
| ABS BILLING OPTION 2 | | |
| ABS BILLING OPTION 3 | | |

Granite Telecommunications, LLC

Signature: 

Name: Geoff Cookman

(Print or Type)

Title: Director, Regulatory

(Print or Type)

Date: 10/8/03