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Mr. Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/ Chief Regulatory Law Judge
Missouri Public Service Commission
200 Madison Street, Suite 100
P.O. Box 360
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102

Re:

Ridley Telephone Company. L.L.C.

Interexchange/ NON-Switched Local Exchange Application

Dear Mr. Roberts,

Please find enclosed for filing an original and eight copies of Ridley Telephone Company. L.L.C.'s Application For Interexchange and Non-Switched Local Exchange Authority and Competitive Classification. This Application includes as Appendix B to the Application Applicant's proposed tariff bearing a 45 day effective date. Also please find enclosed an additional five copies of Applicant's proposed tariff for the Commission's tariff file.

A copy of this filing have been sent to the General Counsel's Office and the Office of the Public Counsel. Thank You.

Sincerely,

John Dowe Miller

JDM/nt

Enclosure

cc: General Counsel's Office

Office of the Public Counsel

Patrick Crocker

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

| In the Matter of the Application of               | ) |         |  |
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| Ridley Telephone Company, L.L.C.                  | ) |         |  |
| for a Certificate of Service Authority to Provide | ) |         |  |
| Intrastate Interexchange and Non-Switched         | ) | Case No |  |
| Local Exchange Telecommunications Services        | ) |         |  |
| within the State of Missouri and for Competitive  | ) |         |  |
| Classification                                    | 1 |         |  |

# APPLICATION FOR INTEREXCHANGE AND NON-SWITCHED LOCAL EXCHANGE AUTHORITY AND COMPETITIVE CLASSIFICATION

Comes now Ridley Telephone Company, L.L.C. ("Applicant" or "Ridley"), by and through counsel, and pursuant to Sections 392.361, 392.410, 392.420, 392.430, 392.440 RSMo 2000, and 4 CSR 240-2.060(6), files this Verified Application requesting that the Missouri Public Service Commission (hereinafter "the Commission") issue an order that:

- (a) grants Applicant a certificate of service authority to provide intrastate resold, interexchange and non-switched local exchange telecommunications services, as herein more specifically defined, pursuant to Chapter 392 RSMo;
- (b) grants competitive status to Applicant and Applicant's requested services; and
- (c) waives certain Commission rules and statutory provisions pursuant to Sections 392.420 and 392.361 RSMo 2000, consistent with the Commission's past treatment of other certificated providers of competitive interexchange/dedicated private line telecommunications services.

In support of its request, Applicant states that:

1. Applicant is a foreign corporation formed and operating under the laws of the State of Delaware and is duly authorized to transact business in the State of Missouri. Pursuant to the relevant provisions of 4 CSR 240-2.060, a certificate of authority from the Missouri Secretary of State's Office is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference as **Appendix A**. Applicant's principal place of business is 151 South Rose Street, Suite 900, Kalamazoo, MI 49007. Pursuant to 4 CSR

240-2.060 (1) (H), Applicant states that Applicant is a telecommunications company seeking to provide the telecommunications services herein specified.

2. All communications, notices, orders and decisions respecting this Application and proceeding should be addressed to:

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with a copy to:

James Fiumara, Managing Member Ridley Telephone Company, L.L.C. 151 South Rose Street, Suite 900 Kalamazoo, MI 49007 (888) 328-5407

Questions concerning Applicant's ongoing operations should be directed to Mr. Fiumara at the above address and phone number. Questions regarding Applicant's proposed tariff should be directed to Mr. Miller.

3. By this Application, Applicant proposes to provide various types of intrastate interexchange and non-switched private line telecommunications services throughout the state of Missouri on a resold basis. At this time Applicant is seeking authority to provide non-switched, dedicated private line services. Specifically, Applicant seeks authority to provide a full range of "1+" interexchange services, MTS, out-WATS, in-WATS, and Calling Card Services, and where appropriate, non-switched local exchange/private line services. Applicant provides telecommunications services to **residential** and **business** customers. Applicant combines high quality transmission services with very competitive rates, flexible end user billing, professional

customer service and excellent reporting to create a unique blend which meets individualized needs of such customers. Applicant intends to engage in "switchless resale". Applicant will arrange for the traffic of underlying subscribers to be routed directly over the networks of Applicant's network providers. Pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.060(6)(C), Applicant's proposed tariff bearing an 45-day effective date of September 22, 2002, is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference as **Appendix B**.

- 4. Applicant requests that it and all its services proposed herein be classified as competitive. Applicant's proposed services herein fall within the category of the types of services which have routinely been authorized by the Commission for numerous other competitive carriers upon verified application without the need for evidentiary hearings. Applicant's proposed services will be subject to sufficient competition to justify a lesser degree of regulation; granting this Application will allow greater price and service options for telecommunications customers and will be in the public interest. Granting Applicant's requested competitive classifications is consistent with past Commission treatment of other competitive certificated interexchange/private line carriers and will encourage competition consistent with the public policy of Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 and Chapter 392 RSMo.
- 5. Applicant is willing to comply with all applicable Commission orders, rules and regulations. Applicant requests however, pursuant to Section 392.440 RSMo 2000, that the Commission at minimum waive the application of the following rules and statutory provisions as they relate to the regulation of Applicant to the extent that they previously and routinely have been waived for other certificated competitive interexchange/private line carriers:

#### **Statutes**

| 392.210.2 | uniform system of accounts              |
|-----------|---|
| 392.240.1 | ratemaking                              |
| 392.270   | valuation of property (ratemaking)      |
| 392.280   | depreciation accounts                   |
| 392.290   | issuance of securities                  |
| 392.300.2 | stock aquisition                        |
| 392.310   | stock & debt issuance                   |
| 392.320   | stock dividend payment                  |
| 392.330   | issuance of securities, debts and notes |
| 392.340   | reorganizations                         |

#### Commission Rules

| 4 CSR 240-10.020       | depreciation fund income   |
|------------------------|----------------------------|
| 4 CSR 240-30.010(2)(C) | rate schedules             |
| 4 CSR 240-30.040       | uniform system of accounts |
| 4 CSR 240-33.030       | minimum charges rule       |
| 4 CSR 240-35           | bypass reporting           |

- 6.Applicant is financially capable of providing the services proposed. Applicant also possesses the necessary technical and managerial expertise and experience necessary to provide the services it proposes to offer at standards that will meet or exceed all service standards established by the Commission.
- 7. Pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.060 (1) (K), Applicant states that it does not have any pending action or final unsatisfied judgements or decisions against it from any state or federal agency or court which involve customer service or rates, which action judgement or decision has occurred within three (3) years of the date of this Application.
- 8. Pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.060 (1) (L), Applicant states that no Commission annual report or assessment fees are overdue.

WHEREFORE, Applicant respectfully requests that the Commission: (1) expeditiously grant it a certificate of service authority to provide intrastate, resold interexchange and non-switched local exchange telecommunications services within the State of Missouri; (2) grant Applicant and its proposed services competitive status; and (3) waive the application of the above-referenced statutes and Commission rules; all consistent with past Commission practice and the Commission's treatment of other certificated, competitive providers of intrastate interexchange and non-switched local exchange telecommunications services.

Respectfully submitted,

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#### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing Verified Application has been sent this date to the General Counsel's Office and the Office of the Public Counsel by hand-delivery, this \_6 day of \_\_\_\_\_\_

#### **VERIFICATION**

Patrick D. Crocker, Attorney for Ridley Telephone Company, L.L.C. first being duly sworn on oath, deposes and says that he has read the foregoing Application and verifies that the statements made therein are true and correct to the best of his knowledge, information and belief.

Ridley Telephone Company, L.L.C.

By:

Patrick D. Crocker

Early, Lennon, Crøcker & Bartosiewicz, P.L.C.

Its: Attorney

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 1st day of July 2002 by Patrick D. Crocker.

Landa a. Athreider Notary Public:

PAULA A SCHNEIDER Notary Public, Kalamazoo County, MI My Commission Expires Jun 24, 2004

## APPENDIX A

**Certificate of Authority to Transact Business** 



### Matt Blunt Secretary of State

CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION FOREIGN LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

WHEREAS, RIDLEY TELEPHONE COMPANY, LLC

using in Missouri the name RIDLEY TELEPHONE COMPANY, LLC

and existing under the laws of the State of DELAWARE has filed with this state its application for registration and WHEREAS this application for registration conforms to the Missouri Limited Liability Company Act;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MATT BLUNT, Secretary of State of the State of Missouri, by virtue of authority vested in me by law, do certify and declare that on the 18th day of JUNE, 2002, the above Foreign Limited Liability Company is duly authorized to transact business in the State of Missouri and is entitled to any rights granted Limited Liability Companies.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have set my hand and imprinted the GREAT SEAL of the State of Missouri, on this, the 18th day of JUNE, 2002.

Sccretary of State

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