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VIA ELECTRONIC DELIVERY

Mr. Dale Roberts
Chief ALJ and Executive Secretary
Missouri Public Service Commission
200 Madison Street, Suite 100
Jefferson City, MO 65102

Re: Covista, Inc. – LOCAL EXCHANGE

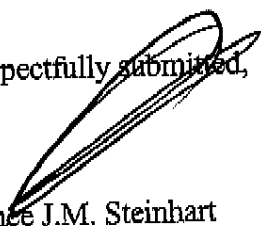
Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed please find for filing an electronically submitted copy of Covista, Inc.'s Application for Certificate of Service Authority to Provide Local Exchange Telecommunications Services Within the State of Missouri.

Please verify receipt of this filing via a return e-mail. 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,


Lance J.M. Steinhart
GA Bar No. 678222
Attorney for Covista, Inc.

Enclosures

cc: Thomas P. Gunning
Michael Dandino, Office of Public Counsel
General Counsel, Missouri Public Service Commission

No. F00447576

STATE OF MISSOURI



Rebecca McDowell Cook
Secretary of State

CORPORATION DIVISION
AMENDED CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY
OF A FOREIGN CORPORATION

WHEREAS,

COVISTA, INC.

Formerly,

TOTALTEL INC.

incorporated under the laws of the State of NEW JERSEY and now in existence and in good standing in said State, and qualified to transact business in Missouri has delivered to me, duly authenticated evidence of an amendment to its Articles of Incorporation as provided by law, and has, in all respects, complied with the requirements of the The General and Business Corporation Law of Missouri, governing Amendments to the Articles of Incorporation of Foreign Corporations, and in accordance therewith issue this Certificate of Amendment.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have set my hand and imprinted the GREAT SEAL of the State of Missouri, on this, the 27th day of JULY, 2000.

Rebecca McDowell Cook
Secretary of State

\$25.00




State of Tennessee)

County of Hamilton)
_____)

VERIFICATION

I, A. John Leach, being duly sworn, declare that I am the President of Covista, Inc., 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.


A. John Leach
President

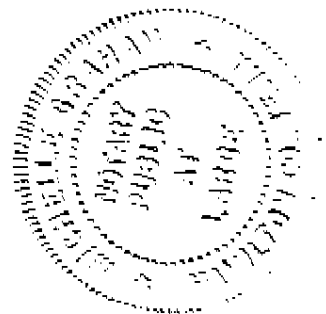
Sworn to before me, the undersigned Notary Public on this
21 day of March, 2003.


Notary Public

MICHELLE GRAHAM
Print or Type Name

My commission expires:

January 10, 2006



CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served a true copy of the foregoing Application upon the following parties, listed below, in accordance with Commission rules.

Dated this 7 day of July, 2003.


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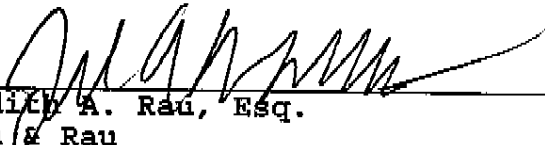
Jefferson City, MO 65102

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the matter of the application of)
Covista, Inc., for a)
certificate of service authority to provide) Case No. _____
resold and facilities-based Basic Local)
telecommunications services)
in Portions of the State of Missouri and to)
Classify such services and the company)
As Competitive)

ENTRY OF APPEARANCE

COMES NOW Judith A. Rau of the law firm Rau & Rau, and
pursuant to rule 4 CSR 240-2.040, herewith files her Entry of
Appearance as local Missouri counsel on behalf of Applicant
Covista, Inc., in connection with the above-styled proceeding.



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WHEREFORE, Applicant, Covista, Inc., respectfully requests that the Missouri Public Service Commission grant it a certificate of service authority to provide resold and facilities-based Basic Local Telecommunications Services within portions of the State of Missouri. Applicant also respectfully requests classification as a competitive telecommunications company and requests that its services be classified as competitive. In addition, Applicant respectfully requests a waiver of the above-referenced rules and statutory provisions and a temporary waiver of the tariff-filing requirement.

Respectfully submitted,



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COMES NOW Lance J. M. Steinhart, Attorney at Law and pursuant to rule 4 CSR 240-2.040 herewith files his Entry of Appearance on behalf of Applicant, Covista, Inc., in connection with the above-styled proceeding. With respect to his entry, Mr. Steinhart hereby advises the Commission that he is a member in good standing of the State Bar of Georgia and is admitted to practice before District Courts. He also is on inactive status with the State Bars of New York and Maryland. Neither the undersigned nor any member of his firm is disqualified to appear in any court. I also hereby designate Judith A. Rau, of the law firm of Rau & Rau, 119 E. Mill Street, Waterloo, Illinois 62298 to serve as our local Missouri counsel in this matter.



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