DEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of)	
Magnum Networks, LLC for)	
Certificate of Service Authority to Provide)	
Basic Local Exchange, Non-Switched Local)	Case No. LA-2015-0283
Exchange and Interexchange)	
Telecommunications Services in the)	
State of Missouri and to Classify Said)	
Services and the Company as Competitive)	

APPLICATION

COMES NOW Magnum Networks, LLC, ("Magnum" or "Applicant"), by its undersigned counsel, and pursuant to sections 392.361, 392.410, 392.420, 392.430, 392.440, 392.450 and 392.455, RSMo, the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996, 4 CSR 240-2.060 and 4 CSR 240-3.510, and files this verified Application requesting that the Missouri Public Service Commission (hereinafter, "the Commission") issue an order that:

- (a) grants Applicant certificate of service authority to provide basic local exchange, non-switched local exchange and interexchange telecommunications services, 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, 392.361 and 392.245.5(8), RSMo, consistent with the Commission's past treatment of other certificated providers of competitive telecommunications services.

In support of its Application, Magnum states as follows:

1. Magnum Networks, LLC is a limited liability company duly organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Texas, and is duly authorized to conduct business in Missouri. The nature of Applicant's business is telecommunications. Its principal place of business is located at 771 E. Hwy 80, Ste. 201, Forney, TX 75126. Magnum's telephone number is 855-404-2627, its fax number is (214) 594-2280 Magnum's toll-free customer service number is 855-404-2627. Robert Lamar Carter is sole owner of Magnum Networks, LLC and serves as the Company's Chief Executive Officer; Nathan Nelson is Magnum's General Manager. Magnum Networks is a certificated Competitive Local Exchange Company (CLEC) in the states of Texas and New York. Pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.060(1)(C), a Certificate of Registration to transact business in Missouri, issued by the Missouri Secretary of State, is attached hereto as **Exhibit A**.

2. All correspondence, communications, pleadings, notices, orders, and decisions relating to this Application should be addressed to:

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The following company contact information is provided to the Commission for

complaints and/or billing dispute issues:

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3. By this Application, Magnum requests a certificate of service authority to provide competitive basic local exchange services to business customers throughout all exchanges in the state of Missouri of all incumbent local exchange companies (ILECs). Magnum's proposed service areas will follow the respective exchange boundaries of each incumbent LEC and shall be no smaller than an exchange as required by Section 392.455

- 4. Pursuant to this Application, Magnum seeks authority to offer and provide all forms of facilities-based and resold basic local telecommunications service to business customers within Missouri as defined in 386.020(4), RSMo. Upon certification, Magnum will offer competitive telecommunications service, on a wholesale-resale basis within the state of Missouri.
- 5. By this Application, Magnum also requests a certificate of service authority to provide competitive intrastate interexchange and non-switched local exchange (dedicated private line) telecommunications services throughout the state of Missouri. Magnum's interexchange and non-switched local exchange tariff will be posted on the Company's website.
- 6. Applicant possesses the technical and managerial resources and abilities necessary to provide the services it proposes as required by Section 392.455(1), RSMo.

Information concerning Applicant's principal management employees and their qualifications is attached hereto and incorporated herein as **Exhibits B and C**. Lamar Carter is applicant's owner and CEO. As shown in Exhibit B, Mr. Carter holds a Telecommunications-focused Master of Business Administration Degree from the University of Dallas, which he obtained while working in the telecommunications industry. Indeed, Mr. Carter has been working in the telecommunications industry since 1980, and he has experience in all areas of the field, including technical groundwork, sales, marketing, and management. Nathan Nelson is the Company's General Manager. Mr. Nelson's resume is attached as Exhibit C. He has been involved in telecommunications work for over twelve years, with extensive experience in engineering, networking, and technical operations. Mr. Nelson oversees the day-to-day operations of Magnum's business, and provides both technical support and managerial experience to the Company.

- 7. Applicant possesses the necessary financial resources and abilities to provide the services it proposes as required by Section 392.455(1), RSMo and has the necessary capital to conduct its proposed operations in Missouri. Attached to this Application as **Exhibit D** is the affidavit of a corporate officer attesting to the resources and abilities of Applicant. Magnum has been providing telecommunications services since spring of 2014.
- 8. Magnum seeks classification of itself and its services as competitive, with accompanying reduced regulation pursuant to Sections 392.361, 392.420 and 392.245.5(8), RSMo and 4 CSR 240-3.510(1)(A). Applicant believes that its proposed services will be subject to sufficient competition to justify a lesser degree of regulation and that granting this request will allow greater price and service options for telephone users.

- 9. Magnum will offer basic local telecommunications services as a separate and distinct service in accordance with Section 392.455 (4), RSMo. Magnum will give consideration to equitable access for all Missourians, regardless of where they might reside or their income, to affordable telecommunications services in Magnum's proposed service areas in accordance with Section 392.455 (5), RSMo.
- 10. Applicant is willing to, and will, comply with all applicable Commission rules. Consistent with the Commission's treatment of other certificated competitive local exchange telecommunications companies, Applicant requests that the Commission grant Staff's recommended waivers of statutes and regulations.
- 11. Applicant acknowledges 4 CSR 240-3.510(1)(C), which requires that a tariff and any applicable interconnection agreements must be filed with the Commission and approved before service can be provided. Contemporaneously with this Application, Applicant is filing two proposed tariffs with forty-five (45) day effective dates. The Company will post its interexchange services tariff on its website once this Application has been approved.
- 12. Applicant submits that the public interest will be served by Commission approval of this Application because Applicant's proposed service will create and enhance competition and expand customer service options, consistent with the legislative goals set forth in the Telecommunications Act of 1996 and Chapter 392, RSMo. Prompt approval of this Application also will expand the availability of innovative, high quality and reliable telecommunications services within the State of Missouri.
- 13. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 392.500, RSMo, and consistent with Section 392.361.6, RSMo, as a condition of certification and competitive classification,

Magnum agrees that, unless otherwise ordered by the Commission, Magnum's originating and terminating switched exchange access rates will be no greater than the lowest Commission-approved corresponding access rates in effect for each ILEC within those service area(s) in which Applicant seeks authority to provide service. Additionally, pursuant to the Commission's Report and Order in Case No. TO-99-596 and long-standing policy and precedent, Magnum agrees that if the ILEC in whose service area the Applicant is operating decreases it originating and/or terminating access service rates, the Applicant shall file an appropriate tariff amendment to reduce its originating and/or terminating access rates within thirty (30) days of the ILEC's reduction of its originating and/or terminating access rates in order to maintain the cap on switched access rates.

- 14. Magnum has no pending or final judgments or decisions against it from any state or federal agency or court that involves customer rates or service.
 - 15. Magnum has no annual report or assessment fees that are overdue.
- 16. Magnum Networks will undertake all necessary measures to ensure its contracts with other carriers do not contain provisions preventing delivery of traffic to any telephone exchange area. Such measures include, but are not limited, to: (i) prevention of call blocking and/or call gapping based on the cost of traffic termination; (ii) preventing the alteration or stripping of Calling Party Number Identification; and (iii) ensuring sufficient network capacity exists to process all traffic according to industry accepted practices.

WHEREFORE, Applicant, Magnum Networks, LLC, respectfully requests that the

Commission grant it certificate of service authority to provide basic local exchange and

non-switched local exchange telecommunications services as herein requested, classify

Applicant and Applicant's proposed services as competitive, grant the waivers of statutes

and regulations recommended by Staff and approve the tariffs filed in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: May 1, 2015

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I do hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document has been

served electronically on the Staff Counsel's office at staffcounselservice@psc.mo.gov, and

the Office of Public Counsel at opcservice@ded.mo.gov, this 1st day of May 2015.

/s/ William D. Steinmeier

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VERIFICATION

I, Nathan Nelson, being duly sworn according to law, depose and say that I am the General Manager of Magnum Networks, LLC; that I am authorized to and do make this verification for it; and that the facts set forth in the above Application are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

Signed:

Nathan Nelson

Subscribed and sworn before me this 30 day of April 2015.

Notary Public

Notary Public

Notary Seal:

STEPHANIE LONIDIER
Notary Public

MAGNUM NETWORKS, LLC

EXHIBIT A

Certificate of Registration
from
Missouri Secretary of State
(Filed as a separate pdf document)

MAGNUM NETWORKS, LLC

Profiles of Key Management Employees

EXHIBIT B

Resume of Robert Lamar Carter, Founder and Owner, Magnum Networks, LLC

EXHIBIT C

Resume of Nathan Nelson, General Manager, Magnum Networks, LLC

(Filed as separate pdf documents)

MAGNUM NETWORKS, LLC

EXHIBIT D

Officer's Financial Affidavit
(Filed as a separate pdf document)