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VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS

Mr. Cecil Wright  
Executive Secretary  
Missouri Public Service Commission  
PO Box 360  
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102

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Re: Universal Access, Inc. – LOCAL EXCHANGE  
Case No. TA-2000-481

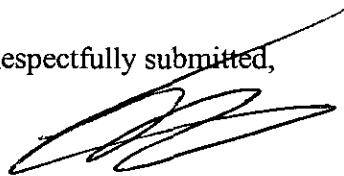
Dear Mr. Wright:

Pursuant to staff request, enclosed please find for filing an original and fourteen (14) copies of Universal Access, Inc.'s Amended Application for Certificate of Service Authority to Provide Local Exchange Telecommunications Services Within the State of Missouri.

I have also enclosed an extra copy of this letter to be date stamped and returned to me in the enclosed, self addressed, postage prepaid envelope. 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,



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Enclosures

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the matter of the application  
of Universal Access, Inc.  
for a certificate of service authority to  
provide Basic Local  
Telecommunications Services  
in Portions of the State of Missouri and  
to Classify Such Services and the Company  
as Competitive

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AMENDED APPLICATION

Universal Access, Inc. ("Applicant" or "UAI"), a Delaware corporation, files this amended verified application respectfully requesting that the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") issue an order that:

- (a) grants Applicant a Certificate of Service Authority to provide resold and facilities-based Basic Local Telecommunications Services in Portions of the State of Missouri pursuant to Sections 392.455 and 392.420 - .44055 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri (RSMo) 1994 and Sections 392.410 and .450, RSMo Supp. 1996.
- (b) grants competitive status to Applicant pursuant to Section 392.361 RSMo Supp 1996., and classifies the Applicant's services as competitive.
- (c) waives certain Commission rules and statutory provisions pursuant to Section 392.420, RSMo Cum. Supp. 1996.

In support of its request, Applicant states:

1. Applicant filed its initial application in this case on February 7, 2000.
2. Pursuant to staff request, Applicant hereby amends its application as follows:

Paragraphs 6 and 7 of the initial application are hereby deleted and replaced in its entirety by the following language:

6. Applicant requests classification as a competitive telecommunications company within the State of Missouri and receive a lesser degree of regulation as permitted by Sections 392.361 and 392.420 RSMo. Applicant also requests 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 will allow greater price and service options for telephone users.

7. Applicant also requests, pursuant to Section 392.420 RSMo (Cum. Supp. 1992), that the Commission waive the application of the following rules and statutory provisions as it relates to the regulation of Applicant:

Statutes

392.210.2  
392.270 Property valuation.  
392.280 Depreciation rates.  
392.300.2  
392.310 Issuance of stocks and bonds.  
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392.330 Issuance of stocks and bonds.  
392.340 Reorganization.

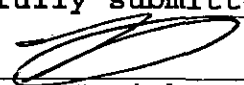
Commission Rules

4 CSR 240-10.020	Income on depreciation fund investments.
4 CSR 240-30.040	Uniform System of Accounts
4 CSR 240-35	

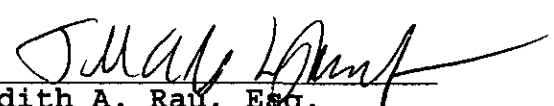
The above-referenced rules and statutory provisions have been waived to other carriers in prior cases.

WHEREFORE, Applicant, Universal Access, Inc., respectfully requests that the Missouri Public Service Commission grant it a certificate of service authority to provide resold and facilities-based Basic Local Exchange Telecommunications Services within portions of the State of Missouri. Applicant also requests classification as a competitive telecommunications company and requests that its services be classified as competitive. In addition, Applicant 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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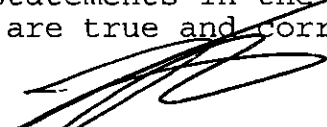
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COUNTY OF FULTON

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VERIFICATION

I, Lance J.M. Steinhart, being duly sworn, declare that I am the Regulatory Counsel to Universal Access, Inc., the Applicant. On behalf of the company, 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.

  
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Lance Steinhart

Sworn to before me, the undersigned Notary Public on this  
15th day of February, 2000.

  
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Notary Public

Print or Type Name

My commission expires:

Charlotte E. Lacey  
Notary Public, Gwinnett County, Georgia  
My Commission Expires November 28, 2000