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Missouri Public Service Commission Attn: Secretary of the Commission 200 Madison Street, Suite 100 P.O. Box 360 Jefferson City, Missouri 65102-0360 Missouri Public Service Commission

Re:

Mid-Plains Communications, Inc.

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Please find enclosed for filing an original and eight (8) copies of the Application For Cancellation of Certificate of Service Authority filed on behalf of Mid-Plains Communications, Inc.

Copies of the filing have on this date been hand-delivered to the General Counsel's Office and the Office of the Public Counsel. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Brent Stewart

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Enclosure

cc:

General Counsel

Office of the Public Counsel

J. Webb Roberts

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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In the Matter of the Application of Mid-Plains)		Service Commission
Communications, Inc. for cancellation)	Case No	
of its certificate of service authority.)		

APPLICATION FOR CANCELLATION OF CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE AUTHORITY

Comes now Mid-Plains Communications, Inc. ("Applicant"), pursuant to Section 392.410(5) RSMo 2000 and 4 CSR 240 2.060, and for its Application For Cancellation of Certificate Service Authority, respectfully states as follows:

I. 4 CSR 240-2.060 REQUIREMENTS

- 1. Pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.060(1)(A), Applicant states that its full legal name for purposes of this Application is Mid-Plains Communications, Inc. and its mailing address is 4550 W. 109th Street, Suite 150, Overland Park, Kansas 66211, telephone number (913) 693-2053. At the time of its initial certification by this Commission, Applicant was a foreign corporation existing under the laws of the State of Delaware and it was duly authorized to operate as a foreign corporation in the state of Missouri. Applicant recently dissolved its corporation in the State of Delaware and is no longer authorized to do business in Missouri as a foreign corporation; accordingly, no Missouri Secretary of State documents can be provided pursuant to the provisions of 4 CSR 240-2.060(1)(C).
- 2. Pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.060(1)(H), Applicant states that it was established to primarily engage in the business of providing intrastate basic local telecommunications services. Applicant received its certificate to provide basic local telecommunications services

in its authorized territories within the State of Missouri in Case No. TA-2002-35¹. Applicant never sought or nor received authority to provide interexchange telecommunications service, never filed for approval of any interconnection agreements with any incumbent LECs, and never filed tariffs.

3. All correspondence, communications, notices, orders and decisions regarding this Application should be directed to:

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- 4. Pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.060(1)(K), Applicant states that it has no pending action or final 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 (3) years of the date of this Application.
- 5. Pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.060(1)(L), Applicant states that no Commission annual reports or assessment fees are overdue.
- 6. Pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.060(1)(M), the notarized verification of J. Webb Roberts, former President of Mid-Plains Communications, Inc. is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

¹ Applicant was authorized to provide basic local telecommunications services within all exchanges in the State of Missouri served by all small LECs and all large LECs. *See*, Commission-approved Stipulation and Agreement, Pages 1-2, Case No. TA-2002-35.

II. BASIS OF APPLICATION

- 7. Despite being duly authorized by the Commission to provide basic local exchange telecommunications services in Missouri in late 2001, Applicant never actually became operational nor has it offered or provided service to Missouri customers since the date of its certification. Applicant never executed any interconnection agreements with any incumbent LEC nor did Applicant ever file any tariffs. Applicant's certificate, nevertheless, has remained in effect since that time without actually being utilized.
- 8. Applicant does not currently offer service or actually serve any customers in Missouri and has not done so since being first certificated. Accordingly, no existing Missouri customers will be adversely affected by the Commission granting this Application and the customer protection requirements of Section 392.460 RSMo necessarily have been satisfied.
- 9. Despite Applicant's certificate of service authority remaining in effect for purposes of the Commission's records, Applicant's corporation has been both operationally and legally dissolved. Applicant no longer is authorized to do business in Missouri as a foreign corporation. This Application has been filed as part of Applicant's winding down of its corporate activities and provides the Commission with a way to "purge" its records of a telecommunications company which in reality, and as a matter of law, no longer exists.
- 10. Section 392.410(5) RSMo 1994 authorizes the Commission to alter or modify any certificate of service authority upon application of the company affected. Given the above, there is no legitimate reason for Applicant's existing certificate to remain in effect and the public interest would be best served by now canceling same without further delay.

WHEREFORE, Applicant Mid-Plains Communications, Inc. respectfully requests that

the Commission issue its order canceling Applicant's certificate of service authority and for any other orders deemed just and reasonable in the premises.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles Brent Stewart

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ATTORNEY FOR APPLICANT MID-PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that an original and fourteen copies of the foregoing was filed with the Records Department of the Missouri Public Service Commission, with a copy also sent to the General Counsel's Office and the Office of the Public Counsel by hand-delivery, this $3^{\varrho o}$ day of September, 2003.

VERIFICATION

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- I, J. Webb Roberts, being duly sworn upon my oath, state as follows:
- 1. I formerly was the President of Mid-Plains Communications, Inc.
- 2. That Mid-Plains Communications, Inc. has been officially dissolved as a corporation in the State of Delaware and is no longer authorized to do business in Missouri as a foreign corporation.
- 3. That I have been duly authorized to cause the preceding Application For Cancellation of Certificate to be filed with the Missouri Public Service Commission as part of winding down the affairs of the corporation.
- 4. That the statements contained in said Application are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

J. Webb Roberts

Subscribed and sworn to before me this <u>Zuclay</u> of <u>Applember</u>, 2003.

Notary Public

My commission expires:

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