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June 14, 2002

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

Dear Secretary:

Enclosed please find an original and eight copies of the <u>Application for Certificate</u> <u>of Service Authority and For Competitive Classification</u> for filing with the Commission on behalf of M.L.M. Telecommunications Inc. This is an Application to provide basic local telecommunications services (a CLEC Application). An original and eight copies of a Motion for Protective Order is also enclosed for filing with the Commission in the same case.

Thank you for assistance in the processing this filing. Copies are being served on the Commission's General Counsel and Office of the Public Counsel. Please contact me at 634-8109 if there are any questions.

Sincerely. Mary Ann (Garr)

Enclosure

cc: General Counsel Office of the Public Counsel John Brandt, Jr., M.L.M.

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

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In the matter of the Application of **M.L.M. Telecommunications Inc.** for Certificate of Service Authority to Provide Basic Local Exchange Telecommunications Services within the State of Missouri and for Competitive Classification

Case No. \_\_\_\_\_

#### APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE AUTHORITY AND FOR COMPETITIVE CLASSIFICATION

Comes now M.L.M. Telecommunications Inc. ("M.L.M." or "Applicant"), by its undersigned counsel, and hereby applies pursuant to Sections 392.361, 392.410, 392.420 and 392.430, and 392.450 RSMo., the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 and 4 CSR 240-2.060, for authority to provide basic local exchange telecommunications services within the State of Missouri and for competitive classification. In support of its application, M.L.M. states as follows:

1. Applicant M.L.M. Telecommunications Inc. is a corporation duly organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Arkansas with its principal place of business at: 1307 Central Ave, Hot Springs, Arkansas 71901. The character of business performed by Applicant is telecommunications services. M.L.M. is authorized to operate in Missouri as a foreign company. A copy of the Company's Certificate of Authority to conduct Business in Missouri is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

2. All inquiries, correspondence, communications, pleadings, notices, orders and decisions

relating to the case should be addressed to: Mary Ann (Garr) Young WILLIAM D. STEINMEIER, P.C. 2031 Tower Drive P.O. Box 104595 Jefferson City MO 65110-4595 Phone: 573-634-8109 Fax: 573-634-8224 Email: myoung0654@aol.com

With a copy to:

John L. Brandt, Jr. Director, Regulatory Affairs M.L.M. Telecommunications 1307 Central Ave, Hot Springs, AR 71901 Email: johnb@mlmtelecom.net Phone: (501) 318-3663 Ext 12 Fax: (501) 321-1048 3. M.L.M. proposes to provide basic local exchange telecommunications services on a resold basis throughout all exchanges currently served by the incumbent local exchange telecommunications companies (ILECs) Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (SWBT), GTE Midwest, Incorporated d/b/a Verizon Telephone Company (Verizon), Spectra Communications Group, LLC (Spectra) and Sprint Missouri, Inc., d/b/a Sprint (Sprint). The specific SWBT, Verizon, Spectra, and Sprint exchanges within which M.L.M. proposes to offer service are listed in the incumbent providers' respective local exchange tariffs. M.L.M. may seek authority to provide this service in other areas of the state in a subsequent proceeding.

4. Pursuant to this application, M.L.M. seeks to offer and provide all forms of basic local telecommunications service, including but not limited to:

Basic Residential Service (flat rate)
Basic Business Service (flat rate)
Data Services
Enhanced Residential and Business Features including Call waiting Call Forwarding Caller 1. D.
Caller 1. D. Plus Call Blocker
3-Way Calling Unlisted Number Long Distance Cards DSL

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5. M.L.M. possesses the technical and managerial expertise to provide the services it proposes. A description of the backgrounds of M.L.M. management, which demonstrate the extensive experience and expertise are attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference as Exhibit B.

6. M.L.M. also possesses the necessary financial resources to provide the services it proposes. M.L.M. requests its financial statements be treated as highly confidential by the Commission, and is filing a Motion for Protective Order concurrently with this Application pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.085. Applicant is a privately held corporation and its financial statements are not public information. Applicant will provide its financial statements to be late-filed as Exhibit C under seal subsequent to issuance of the Commission's standard Protective Order and requests that they remain confidential and not be disclosed except pursuant to the terms of the Commission's protective order. 7. M.L.M. seeks classification of itself and its services as competitive pursuant to Sec. 392.361 RSMo. and 4 CSR 240-2.060(6)(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.

8. M.L.M. will offer basic local telecommunications service as a separate and distinct service in accordance with applicable law. M.L.M. will give consideration to equitable access for all Missourians, regardless of where they might reside or their income, to affordable telecommunications services in M.L.M.'s proposed service areas in accordance with applicable law.

9. M.L.M. is willing to comply with all applicable Commission rules and is willing to meet all relevant service standards, including, but not limited to billing, quality of service and tariff filing and maintenance. Consistent with the Commission's treatment of other certificated competitive basic local exchange telecommunications companies, M.L.M. requests that the following statutes and regulations be waived for M.L.M. and its basic local exchange service offerings:

Statutory Provisions:

Section 392.210.2 Section 392.240(I) Section 392.270 Section 392.280 Section 392.290 Section 392.300.2 Section 392.310 Section 392.320 Section 392.330 Section 392.340

Missouri Public Service Commission Rules

4 CSR 240-10.020 4 CSR 240-30.010(2)(C) 4 CSR 240-30.040 4 CSR 240-32.030(4)(C) 4 CSR 240-33.030 4 CSR 240-35 10. M.L.M. further requests a temporary waiver of 4 CSR 240-2.060(6)(C). This rule requires that an application for a certificate of service authority to provide interexchange, local exchange or basic local exchange service shall include a proposed tariff with a forty-five day effective date. M.L.M. finds it impossible at this time to develop tariffs to fully comply with this rule since M.L.M. has not yet executed or received Commission approval of any resale or interconnection agreements with ILECs. At such time as all facts necessary for the development of such tariffs are known to M.L.M., it will promptly file said tariffs bearing no less than a forty-five day effective date with the Commission in a manner consistent with recent Commission practice in similar cases.

11. Furthermore, Applicant agrees that its proposed basic local service tariff will specifically identify the geographic service area in which it proposes to offer basic local service and that such area will follow the exchange boundaries of the ILECs in the same area and be no smaller than an exchange. In any circumstance, Applicant will file its proposed basic local exchange telecommunications service tariff no later than 30 days after Commission approval of Applicant's interconnection and/or resale agreement. Applicant will also file its proposed local exchange and interexchange tariffs at or before that time.

12. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 392.500 RSMo., as a condition of certification and competitive classification, Applicant agrees that, unless otherwise ordered by the Commission, Applicant'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 whose service area(s) Applicant seeks authority to provide service. Additionally, pursuant to the Commission's <u>Report and Order</u> in Case No. TO-99-596, Applicant agrees that if the ILEC in whose service area Applicant is operating decreases its originating and/or terminating access service rates, Applicant shall file an appropriate tariff amendment to reduce its originating and/or terminating access rates in order to maintain the cap on switched exchange access rates.

13. Applicant herein states, in accordance with 4 CSR 240-2.060(1)(K), that there are no pending actions or final unsatisfied judgments or decisions against Applicant in any state, federal agency,

or court which involve customer service or rates for which action, judgment, or decision has occurred within three (3) years of the date of this Application.

14. Pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.060(1)(L), Applicant hereby states that the Company does not have any overdue annual reports or fees owed to the Missouri Public Service Commission.

15. M.L.M. submits that the public interest will be served by Commission approval of this application because M.L.M.'s proposed services will create and enhance competition and expand customer service options consistent with the federal 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.

WHEREFORE, Applicant M.L.M. Telecommunications, Inc. respectfully requests that the Commission grant it a certificate of service authority to provide basic local exchange telecommunications services as herein requested, grant M.L.M. competitive classification, treat Applicant's financial information as Highly Confidential and grant waiver of the aforesaid statutes and regulations.

Respectfully submitted,

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ATTORNEY FOR M.L.M. Telecommunications Inc.

## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of this document has been hand delivered or mailed by first class mail, postage prepaid to the Office of Public Counsel and the General Counsel of the Missouri Public Service Commission on this 14<sup>th</sup> day of June 2002.

Troy Muncrief \_\_\_\_\_, being duly sworn according to law, depose and say that I I, \_\_\_ am an officer of Applicant M.L.M. Telecommunications, Inc.; 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.

Troy Munc: President NAME: Muncrief

TITLE:

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to me this 12 day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2002.



Notary Public Lugh Tipton

M.L.M. Telecommunications Inc. Exhibit A to CLEC Certificate Application Secretary of State Certificate

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# Matt Blunt Secretary of State

### CORPORATION DIVISION

CERTIFICATE OF CORPORATE GOOD STANDING - FOREIGN CORPORATION

I, MATT BLUNT, Secretary of State of the State of Missouri, do hereby certify that the records in my office and in my care and custody reveal that

M.L.M. TELECOMMUNICATION INC.

using in Missouri the name

M.L.M. TELECOMMUNICATION INC.

an ARKANSAS corporation filed its Evidence of Incorporation with this State on the 18th day of DECEMBER, 2001, and is in good standing, having fully complied with all requirements of this office.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have set my hand and imprinted the GREAT SEAL of the State of Missouri, on this, the 19th day of DECEMBER, 2001.

Secretary of State



M.L.M. Telecommunications Inc.

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Exhibit B to CLEC Certificate Application

**Management Biographies** 

### ATTACHMENT B

## **BIOGRAPHIES OF OFFICERS**

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# M.L.M. TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.

Troy Muncrief - President/Owner of M.L.M. Telecommunications. Mr. Muncrief is a graduate of Hendrix College in Conway, Arkansas with a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration and holds an Arkansas Real Estate License. Mr. Muncrief was employed by Tri State Telecommunications as Manager of the Phone Company, which has over 5,000 customers and a staff of 15 employees. Mr. Muncrief has completed the full program of education classes, technical support, *i.e.*, placing orders by Southwestern Bell Telephone Company in Dallas, Texas.

Cyndi Muncrief - Vice-President of M.L.M. Telecommunications. Ms. Muncrief is a graduate of Garland County Community College and has held an Arkansas Real Estate License for several years. Ms. Muncrief was employed in customer service at Tri State Telecommunications for two years. While at Tri State Telecommunications, Ms. Muncrief was responsible for overseeing the company's 5,000 customers and a staff of 15 employees. Ms. Muncrief has completed the full program of education classes, technical support, i.e., placing orders by Southwestern Bell Telephone Company in Dallas, Texas.

John L. Brandt, Jr. – Director, Regulatory Affairs. M.L.M. Telecommunications, Inc. has employed Mr. John L. Brandt, Jr. to handle all regulatory affairs matters. Mr. Brandt was an employee of Entergy Corporation, a major public utility, for 26 years. As a result, he is experienced in having to report and file with state public service commissions. Mr. Brandt is a graduate of Loyola University and Loyola School of Law both in New Orleans with a degree in Organizational Science and a Juris Doctorate. He is licensed to practice law in the State of Louisiana and is more than qualified to oversee M.L.M Telecommunications, Inc.'s Regulatory Affairs Section.

David Rankin – Managing Partner. Mr. Rankin obtained a B.A. Degree from the University of Arkansas and has twenty years of experience in marketing and business development. Mr. Rankin most recently served as President of Energy Technologies, Inc. an energy management company providing services in 26 states. Prior to working with Energy Technologies, Mr. Rankin was the Sr. Vice President of National Medical Systems headquartered in Little Rock, Arkansas. While employed at National Medical Systems, Mr. Rankin directed the marketing and business development of the \$30M corporation and directly managed 75 people in three states.

Jim Batchelder – Chief Technician. Mr. Batchelder is a graduate of the University of Minnesota with a Bachelor's Degree in Physics. Mr. Batchelder has attended multiple schools and classes with Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, and is more than qualified to oversee M.L.M. Telecommunications, Inc.'s technical operations, specializing in Central Office Equipment. Mr. Batchelder was employed by Southwestern Bell Telephone Company for approximately 35 years.

Sheila Minton – Accounting Department Manager. Ms. Minton is a graduate of Henderson University with a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting. M.L.M. Telecommunications, Inc. will rely on Ms. Minton's abilities for financial and accounting support.

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Matthew Padgen – Public Relations Manager. Mr. Padgen will be responsible for M.L.M. Telecommunications, Inc.'s day-to-day office functions, which will include assisting customers in establishing accounts. Mr. Padgen will also be responsible for maintaining customer accounts.

M.L.M. Telecommunications Inc.

Exhibit C to CLEC Certificate Application

**Financial Statements** 

To be late-filed upon issuance of protective order

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