

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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Missouri Public  
Service Commission

In the Matter of the Application of )  
Everest Connections Corporation for a )  
Certificate of Service Authority to Provide )  
Intrastate Interexchange and Non-Switched )  
Local Exchange Telecommunications )  
Services within the State of Missouri and )  
for Competitive Classification. )

Case No. TA-2000- 623

**APPLICATION FOR INTEREXCHANGE AND**  
**NON-SWITCHED LOCAL EXCHANGE AUTHORITY**  
**AND COMPETITIVE CLASSIFICATION**

Comes now Everest Connections Corporation ("Applicant" or "Everest"), by and through counsel, and pursuant to Sections 392.361, 392.420, 392.430, 392.440 RSMo 1994, Section 392.410 RSMo Supp. 1999, and 4 CSR 240-2.060(4), files this Verified Application requesting that the Missouri Public Service Commission (hereinafter "the Commission") issue an order that:

- (a) grants Applicant a certificate of service authority to provide intrastate interexchange and non-switched local exchange telecommunications services, as herein more specifically defined, 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 and 392.361 RSMo 1994, consistent with the Commission's past treatment of other certificated providers of competitive interexchange/private line telecommunications services.

In support of its request, Applicant states that:

1. Applicant is a corporation formed and operating under the laws of the State of Delaware and is duly authorized to transact business in the State of Missouri. Pursuant to the relevant provisions of 4 CSR 240-2.060, documents from the Missouri Secretary of State's Office is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference as Appendix A.

Applicant's principal place of business is 5555 WingHaven Blvd., O'Fallon, Missouri 63366 and its telephone number is (636) 625-5700, fax number (636) 625-5727.

2. All communications, notices, orders and decisions respecting this Application and proceeding should be addressed to:

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GLA International  
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O'Fallon, Missouri 63336  
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**Any questions concerning Applicant's proposed tariff or operations should be directed to Ms. Troughton at the above number.**

3. By this Application, Applicant proposes to provide various types of intrastate interexchange and non-switched, private line local exchange telecommunications services throughout the state of Missouri. Such services include, but are not limited to: message toll service (MTS), WATS, switched inbound service, switched outbound service, and calling card service. Pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.060(4)(H), Applicant's proposed tariff bearing a forty-five day effective date is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference as Appendix B.

4. Applicant requests that it and all its services proposed herein be classified as competitive. Applicant's proposed services herein fall within the category of the types of services which have routinely been authorized by the Commission for numerous other competitive carriers upon verified application without the need for evidentiary hearings. Applicant's proposed services will be subject to sufficient competition to justify a lesser degree of regulation; granting this Application will allow greater price and service options for telecommunications customers and will be in the public interest. Granting Applicant's requested competitive classifications is consistent

with past Commission treatment of other competitive certificated interexchange/non-switched local exchange carriers and will encourage competition consistent with the public policy of Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 and Chapter 392 RSMo.

5. Applicant is willing to comply with all applicable Commission orders, rules and regulations. Applicant requests however, pursuant to Section 392.420 RSMo 1994, that the Commission at minimum waive the application of the following rules and statutory provisions as they relate to the regulation of Applicant to the extent that they previously and routinely have been waived for other certificated competitive interexchange/non-switched local exchange carriers:

Statutes

392.240(1)--ratemaking  
392.270--valuation of property (ratemaking)  
392.280--depreciation accounts  
392.290--issuance of securities  
392.310--stock & debt issuance  
392.320--stock dividend payment  
392.330--issuance of securities, debts and notes  
392.340--reorganizations

Commission Rules

4 CSR 240-10.020	--depreciation fund income
4 CSR 240-30.010(2)(C)	--rate schedules
4 CSR 240-30.040	--Uniform System of Accounts
4 CSR 240-32.030(1)(B)	--exchange boundary maps
4 CSR 240-32.030(1)(C)	--record keeping
4 CSR 240-32.030(2)	--in-state record keeping
4 CSR 240-32.050(3)	--local office record keeping
4 CSR 240-32.050(4)	--telephone directories
4 CSR 240-32.050(5)	--call intercept
4 CSR 240-32.050(6)	--telephone number changes
4 CSR 240-32.070(4)	--public coin telephone
4 CSR 240-33.030	--minimum charges rule
4 CSR 240-33.040(5)	--financing fees

6. Applicant is financially capable of providing the services proposed. Applicant also

possesses the necessary technical and managerial expertise and experience necessary to provide the services it proposes to offer at standards that will meet or exceed all service standards established by the Commission.

WHEREFORE, Everest Connections Corporation respectfully requests that the Commission: 1) expeditiously grant it a certificate of service authority to provide intrastate, interexchange and non-switched local exchange telecommunications services within the State of Missouri; 2) grant Applicant and its proposed services competitive status; and 3) waive the application of the above-referenced statutes and Commission rules; all consistent with past Commission practice and the Commission's treatment of other certificated, competitive providers of intrastate interexchange and non-switched local exchange telecommunications services.

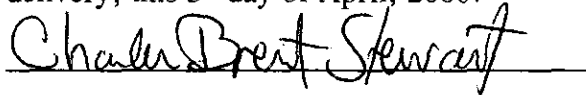
Respectfully submitted,

  
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ATTORNEY FOR APPLICANT  
EVEREST CONNECTIONS CORPORATION

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing Verified Application has been sent this date to the Office of the Public Counsel by hand-delivery, this 5<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2000.

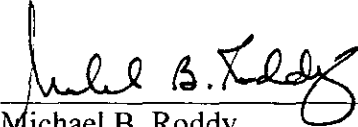


VERIFICATION


STATE OF MISSOURI

COUNTY OF ST. CHARLES

Michael B. Roddy, being first duly sworn, deposes and says: That he is the President for Everest Connections Corporation, that he has read the foregoing application, and knows the contents thereof; and that he is authorized by Everest Connections Corporation to verify that the contents of the application are true.

  
Michael B. Roddy  
Everest Connections Corporation  
5555 WingHaven Blvd.  
O'Fallon, Missouri 63366  
(636) 625-5705

Subscribed and sworn to before me this  
27<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2000

  
Notary Public  
State of Missouri

My commission expires: 01/29, 2002



STACY L. KNEFELKAMP  
Notary Public-State of Missouri  
County of St. Charles  
My Commission Expires 01/29/2002

EVEREST CONNECTIONS CORPORATION  
IXC/PRIVATE LINE CERTIFICATE APPLICATION  
APRIL 5, 2000

**APPENDIX A**

**MISSOURI SECRETARY OF STATE CERTIFICATE**

# STATE OF MISSOURI



**Rebecca McDowell Cook**  
**Secretary of State**

## CORPORATION DIVISION - CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY

WHEREAS,  
EVEREST CONNECTIONS CORPORATION

USING IN MISSOURI THE NAME  
EVEREST CONNECTIONS CORPORATION

HAS COMPLIED WITH THE GENERAL AND BUSINESS CORPORATION LAW WHICH GOVERNS FOREIGN CORPORATIONS, BY FILING IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE OF MISSOURI AUTHENTICATED EVIDENCE OF ITS INCORPORATION AND GOOD STANDING UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, REBECCA McDOWELL COOK, SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT SAID CORPORATION IS FROM THIS DATE DULY AUTHORIZED TO TRANSACT BUSINESS IN THIS STATE, AND IS ENTITLED TO ALL RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES GRANTED TO FOREIGN CORPORATIONS UNDER THE GENERAL AND BUSINESS CORPORATION LAW OF MISSOURI.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I HAVE SET MY HAND AND IMPRINTED THE GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, ON THIS, THE 12TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 1999.

  
Secretary of State



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