

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

In the Matter of the Application of)
FairPoint Carrier Services, Inc.)
For a Certificate of Service Authority)
To Provide Interexchange and)
Non-Switched Local Exchange)
Telecommunications Services and to)
Classify Said Services and the)
Company as Competitive.)

Case No. _____

APPLICATION

COMES NOW FairPoint Carrier Services, Inc. ("FCS" or "Applicant"), by its undersigned counsel, and hereby submits its Application for a Certificate of Service Authority to provide interexchange and non-switched local exchange telecommunications services in the state of Missouri and for competitive classification. This filing is made pursuant to Sections 392.410, 392.430 and 392.440, RSMo (2000)¹, and 4 CSR 240-2.060 and 4 CSR 240-3.510. Applicant respectfully requests that the Commission issue an order that: 1) grants Applicant a certificate of service authority to provide intrastate interexchange and non-switched local exchange telecommunications services pursuant to Chapter 392 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri; 2) grants competitive status to Applicant and each of the services it proposes to offer, pursuant to Section 392.361, RSMo; 3) waives certain Commission rules and statutory provisions pursuant to Section 392.420 and 392.361, RSMo; and 4) approves Applicant's initial proposed tariff after submission. In support of its application, Applicant respectfully states as follows:

¹ All statutory references are to revised statutes of Missouri, 2000, unless otherwise noted.

1. Applicant's legal name, principal office address, email address, telephone and fax numbers are:

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2. Applicant is a Delaware corporation, and a Certificate of Authority from the Missouri Secretary of State that it is authorized to do business in Missouri is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

3. Correspondence or communications regarding this Application should be addressed to:

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4. Applicant proposes to provide interexchange and non-switched local exchange telecommunications services to business customers, including other telecommunications carriers on a wholesale basis, located throughout the State of Missouri.

5. Applicant is a telecommunications company which possesses the technical and managerial expertise to provide the services it proposes. Applicant also possesses the necessary financial resources to provide the requested services.

6. Expeditious grant of the instant Application will expand customer service options and increase the competition in the provision of interexchange and intraexchange services, consistent with the Commission's policies, and the legislative goals set forth in Chapter 392 RSMo and the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996. Accordingly, Applicant's proposed operations are in the public interest.

7. Pursuant to 4 CSR 240-3.510(1)(A), Applicant requests classification as a competitive telecommunications company within the State of Missouri. Applicant further requests classification of its interexchange and non-switched local exchange services as competitive services.

8. Applicant 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. Since Applicant is requesting certification as a new applicant, no annual reports or assessment fees are overdue.

9. In accordance with 4 CSR 240-3.510(1)(C), Applicant is not filing its proposed tariff simultaneously with this certificate application. Applicant understands that before service can be provided, a tariff, with an effective date which is not fewer than forty-five (45) days after the tariff's issue date, must be filed with the Commission and approved. Applicant intends to file its proposed tariff forthwith.

10. Applicant will not unjustly discriminate among its customers as is prohibited under Section 392.200 RSMo.

11. Applicant also respectfully requests, pursuant to Section 392.420, RSMo and consistent with the treatment of other certificated competitive interexchange and non-

switched local exchange telecommunications companies, that the Commission waive the application of the following rules and statutory provisions as they relate to the regulation of the applicant:

4 CSR 240-10.020	--	Depreciation fund income
4 CSR 240-30.040	--	Uniform system of accounts
Section 392.210.2	--	Uniform System of Accounts
Section 392.240(1)	--	Just & Reasonable Rates
Section 392.270	--	Property valuation
Section 392.280	--	Depreciation rates
Section 392.290	--	Issuance of securities
Section 392.300.2	--	Acquisition of Stocks
Section 392.310	--	Issuance of stocks and bonds
Section 392.320	--	Stock dividends
Section 392.330	--	Issuance of securities, debt and notes
Section 392.340	--	Reorganization

WHEREFORE, FairPoint Carrier Services, Inc. respectfully requests that the Commission grant it a certificate of service authority to provide intrastate interexchange and non-switched local exchange telecommunications services to the public in the State of Missouri; classify the FCS and its proposed services as competitive; and grant the waivers of statutes and regulations as requested herein.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ **Larry W. Dority**

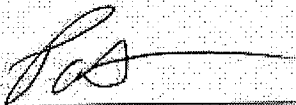
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VERIFICATION

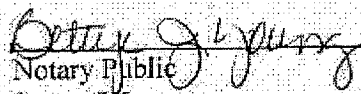
STATE OF KANSAS)
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COUNTY OF FORD) ss

Patrick L. Morse, being first duly sworn, deposes and says: That he is Senior Vice President — Government Affairs of FairPoint Communications and is authorized to submit this verification on behalf of FairPoint Carrier Services, Inc., the Applicant in the above proceeding; that he has read the foregoing Application, and knows the contents thereof; and that he is authorized by FairPoint Carrier Services, Inc. to verify that the contents of the Application are true and correct to the best of his knowledge, information and belief.



Patrick L. Morse

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 28th day of February, 2008.



Notary Public
State of Kansas

My Commission Expires: 11-16-10



CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that true and correct copies of the above and foregoing document were sent by electronic mail, or hand-delivered, on this 29th day of February, 2008, to:

General Counsel
Missouri Public Service Commission
Governor Office Building, 8th Floor
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Office of the Public Counsel
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P.O. Box 2230
Jefferson City, MO 6502-7800

/s/ Larry W. Dority

Larry W. Dority

STATE OF MISSOURI



Robin Carnahan
Secretary of State

CORPORATION DIVISION
CERTIFICATE OF GOOD STANDING

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

FAIRPOINT CARRIER SERVICES, INC.

using in Missouri the name

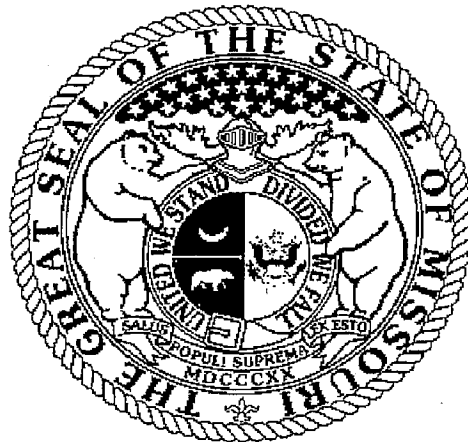
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a DELAWARE entity was created under the laws of this State on the 15th day of November, 1999, and is in good standing, having fully complied with all requirements of this office.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause to be affixed the GREAT SEAL of the State of Missouri. Done at the City of Jefferson, this 27th day of February, 2008

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robin Carnahan".

Secretary of State



Certification Number: 10475768-1 Reference:
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