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#### VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS

Mr. Dale H. Roberts Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge Missouri Public Service Commission 200 Madison Street, Suite 100 Jefferson City, Missouri 65101

RE:

Granite Telecommunications, LLC

Case No. TK-2004-0465

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Mark Johnson/rgz

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Please find enclosed for filing an original and eight copies of an Amended Application of Granite Telecommunications, LLC for Approval of the Adoption of the SBC-13 State Interconnection Agreement in the above-referenced case. I have enclosed an additional copy of the Amended Application by itself, without exhibits, which I would appreciate your stamping "filed" and return to me in the enclosed return envelope.

March 31, 2004

By copy of this letter, I am sending a copy of the enclosure to the Office of General Counsel and Office of Public Counsel on this date.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter. Please call me if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

Mark P. Johnson

MPJ/rgr Enclosures

CC:

Office of Public Counsel (w/enclosures)

Office of General Counsel (w/enclosure)

# BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI



Service Commission
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In the Matter of the Application of	١	Olvice Con	nmission
Granite Telecommunications, LLC for	)	Case No. TK-2004-0465	HOIDE
Approval of the Adoption of the SBC-13	)		
State Interconnection Agreement.	)		

# AMENDED APPLICATION OF GRANITE TELECOMMUNICATIONS, LLC FOR APPROVAL OF THE ADOPTION OF THE SBC-13 STATE INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT

COMES NOW Granite Telecommunications, LLC ("Granite" or "Company") and hereby files this Amended Application for Approval of the Adoption of the SBC-13 State Interconnection Agreement. In support hereof, Granite respectfully states the following:

1. Granite is a limited liability company organized under the laws of the State of Delaware on April 1, 2002. Applicant's principal office is located at:

Granite Telecommunications, LLC 234 Copeland Street Quincy, MA 02169 Telephone: 617.847.1500

Facsimile: 617.847.0931

Granite's certificate of good standing is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

2. Notices, correspondence, pleadings and orders concerning this Application should be sent to the following:

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3. On September 8, 2003 Granite filed its Application for Certificate of Service Authority to Provide Intrastate Interexchange Services, Basic Local, and Local

Exchange Services, and for Competitive Designation, in Case No. LA-2004-0124. The Commission granted Granite's Application, and approved its tariffs, by order dated December 3, 2003.

#### INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT REACHED

4. Granite presents to this Commission for approval the Agreement negotiated and executed pursuant to the terms of the Federal Act. After comprehensive, good faith negotiations to address all of the complex issues involved in such an agreement, Granite and SWBT executed the Agreement on November 17 and November 27, 2003, respectively. The Interconnection Agreement and signature pages are attached hereto as Exhibit B. The Agreement is SWBT's 13-State Interconnection Agreement. All matters between the parties have been successfully negotiated, and there are no outstanding issues requiring the assistance of mediation or arbitration.

#### REQUEST FOR APPROVAL

- 5. Granite seeks the Commission's approval of the Agreement, consistent with the provisions of the Federal Act and Missouri law. Granite believes that the implementation of this Agreement complies fully with Section 252(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 because the Agreement is consistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity and does not discriminate against any telecommunications carrier. The Agreement promotes diversity in providers, provides interconnectivity, and increases customer choices for telecommunications services.
- 6. Granite respectfully requests that the Commission grant expeditious approval of this Agreement, without change, suspension or other delay in its implementation. This is a bilateral Agreement, reached as a result of negotiations and

compromise between competitors, and intervention by other parties is neither necessary nor appropriate.

#### STANDARD FOR REVIEW

- 7. The Agreement meets the statutory standards of review, as set forth in Section 252(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996:
  - (1) APPROVAL REQUIRED.—Any interconnection agreement adopted by negotiation or arbitration shall be submitted for approval to the State commission.

    A State commission to which an agreement is submitted shall approve or reject the agreement, with written findings as to any deficiencies.
  - (2) GROUNDS FOR REJECTION.--The State commission may only reject --
  - (A) an agreement (or any portion thereof) adopted by negotiation under subsection (a) if it finds that --
  - (i) the agreement (or portion thereof) discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement; or
  - (ii) the implementation of such agreement or portion is not consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity.
- 8. Granite does not have any pending action or final unsatisfied judgments or 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 years of the date of this Application.
- 9. Granite does not have any annual report or assessments which are overdue.

WHEREFORE, Granite Telecommunications, LLC respectfully requests the Commission to approve Granite's SBC-13 State Interconnection Agreement, and grant such other relief as the Commission deems appropriate.

Respectfully submitted,

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### **VERIFICATION**

STATE OF MISSOURI	)	
	)	SS:
COUNTY OF JACKSON	)	

COMES NOW Mark P. Johnson, being of lawful age and duly sworn, who swears and affirms as follows:

- 1. My name is Mark P. Johnson, and I am an attorney for Granite Telecommunications, Inc. ("Applicant"). In that capacity, I am authorized to verify the statements contained in the Amended Application above, and the information contained therein, on behalf of Applicant.
- 2. The information contained in the above-described document is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Mark P. Johnson

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 3st day of March, 2004.

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My Commission Expires:

CHERYL L. KOVICH
Notary Public - Notary Seal
STATE OF MISSOURI
Jackson County

My Commission Expires: Nov. 22, 2004

## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document has been mailed, postage prepaid, this 32 day of March, 2004, to:

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