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Missouri Public Service Commission

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

RE: Case No. \_\_\_\_\_\_ Application of M.L.M. Telecommunications, Inc., d/b/a Ameritel, Your Phone Company for Interexchange Telecommunications Service Authority and Initial Interexchange Services Tariff, Mo. P.S.C. No. 3

Dear Secretary:

Enclosed for filing with the Commission you will find an original and 5 copies of the **Application** of M.L.M. Telecommunications, Inc., d/b/a Ameritel, Your Phone Company (Ameritel) for Interexchange Telecommunications Service Authority for filing with the Commission. Also, an original and 5 copies of the **initial Interexchange tariff** (Mo. P.S.C. No. 3) of Ameritel are provided herewith.

Thank you for assistance in the processing this filing. A copy is being served on the General Counsel and Public Counsel. Please contact me at 634-8109 if there are any questions.

Sincerely,

Mary Ann (Gad) Young

**Enclosures** 

cc: General Counsel Office of Public Counsel John Brandt, Ameritel

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

Application of M.L.M. Telecommunications, Inc. dba Ameritel, Your Phone Company For a Certificate of Service Authority To Provide Interexchange and Local Exchange Telecommunications Services in the State of Missouri and for Competitive Classification Missouri Public Service Commission

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### APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE INTEREXCHANGE AND LOCAL EXCHANGE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES

M.L.M. Telecommunications, Inc. dba Ameritel, Your Phone Company ("Ameritel" or "Applicant"), by its undersigned counsel, hereby submits this Application for certificate of service authority to provide interexchange and local exchange telecommunications service in the State of Missouri, and for competitive classification, pursuant to Sections 392.410, 392.430 and 392.440 RSMo. and 4 CSR 240-2.060. Applicant respectfully requests the Commission issue an order that 1) grants Applicant a certificate of service authority to provide intrastate interexchange and local exchange telecommunications services on a statewide basis pursuant to Chapter 392 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri, 2) grants competitive status to Applicant pursuant to Section 392.361 RSMo., and 3) waives certain Commission rules and statutory provisions pursuant to Sections 392.420 and 392.361 RSMo. In support of its application, the Ameritel states as follows:

1. Applicant is a corporation duly organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Arkansas. The Company is authorized to conduct business as a foreign corporation within Missouri. Documentation required in compliance with 4 CSR 240-2.060(1)(C) has previously been provided to the Commission in Case Nos. CA-2002-1140 (M.L.M. Telecommunications, Inc. CLEC Certificate Application case--Secretary of State Certificate of Good Standing) and CN-2003-0266 (Name Change to M.L.M. Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a Ameritel, Your Phone Company--Secretary of State Registration of Fictitious Name) and is incorporated herein by reference pursuant to 4CSR 240-2.060(1)(G), as the information therein is current and correct. The nature of Ameritel's business is the provision of telecommunications services. Ameritel's principal place of business address is: 1307 Central Äve, Hot Springs, Arkansas 71901.

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

to this 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 E-Mail: myoung0654@aol.com

with a copy to:

John L. Brandt, Jr. Director, Regulatory Affairs M.L.M. Telecommunications, Inc. dba Ameritel, Your Phone Company 1307 Central Ave, Hot Springs, AR 71901 Phone: (501) 318-3663 Ext 12 Fax: (501) 321-1048 Email: johnb@mImtelecom.net

All general correspondence from the Commission after certification should be forwarded to Mr. Brandt.

- 3. The Company proposes to provide resold switched long distance interexchange service to business and residential customers on a statewide basis, and may provide local exchange (nonswitched private line) services in the future. The Company will not offer operator service services.
- The Company is a telecommunications company which possesses the technical and managerial expertise to provide the services it proposes.
- 5. The Applicant also possesses the necessary financial resources to provide the services it proposes.<sup>1</sup>
- 6. In accordance with 4 CSR 240-2.060(6)(C), Applicant is simultaneously submitting its proposed tariff with a forty-five day effective date for approval by the Commission. The tariff contains the rules and regulations applicable to its customers, description of services offered and list of rates associated with such services. The Company requests that the Commission approve its MO P.S.C. No. 3 simultaneously with granting certificate of service authority in this case.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Applicant is currently involved in a Chapter 11 bankruptcy case, but anticipates emerging from bankruptcy within the next 90 days. Applicant is and will remain financially capable of providing the resale of long distance services as proposed in this Application and in its concurrent tariff filing.

- Applicant will not unjustly discriminate among its customers as is prohibited under Section 392.200 RSMo.
- 8. Applicant is a competitive reseller of long distance telecommunications services and thus requests competitive classification pursuant to Section 392.361 RSMo and 4 CSR 240-2.060(6)(A). Applicant believes its proposed services will be subject to sufficient competition to justify a lesser degree of regulation. Further, when granted the Certificate requested herein, Applicant will be competing with other telecommunications companies in Missouri offering the same or similar services as Applicant.
- 9. Applicant is willing to comply with all applicable Commission rules, except those which are specifically waived by the Commission. Consistent with the Commission's treatment of other certificated competitive interexchange and local exchange telecommunications companies, Applicant requests that the following statutes and regulations be waived for Applicant and its interexchange and local exchange service offerings:

#### Statutes:

392.210.2 - Uniform System of Accounts
392.240.1 - Just & reasonable rates
392.270 - Ascertain property values
392.280 - Depreciation accounts
392.290 - Issuance of securities
392.300.2 - Acquisition of stock
392.310 - Issuance of stock and debt
392.320 - Stock dividend payment
392.330 - Issuance of securities, debts & notes
392.340 - Reorganizations

#### Rules:

- 4 CSR 240-10.020 Depreciation fund income 4 CSR 240-3.545 (2)(C) - Rate schedules should be posted at central office 4 CSR 240-30.040 - Uniform system of accounts 4 CSR 240-33.030 - Inform customers of lowest price
- 10. Applicant submits that the public interest will be served by Commission approval of this application because Applicant's proposed services will create and enhance competition and expand customer service options, and offer service options consistent with the legislative goals set forth in 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.

- 12. The Company will not resell its services to other telecommunications companies.
- 13. Applicant is not aware of any 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 the application.
- 14. No annual reports or assessment fees are overdue from Applicant.

WHEREFORE, Applicant, M.L.M. Telecommunications, Inc. dba Ameritel, Your Phone Company, respectfully requests that the Commission (i) grant it a certificate of service authority to provide interexchange telecommunications services as requested herein; (ii) classify the Company and its proposed services as competitive; (iii) grant waivers of statutes and regulations as requested herein; and (iv) approve its separately submitted tariff.

Respectfully submitted,

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Counsel for M.L.M. Telecommunications, Inc. dba Ameritel, Your Phone Company

### 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's office on this 3rd day of July 2003.

### VERIFICATION OF APPLICANT

STATE OF <u>ARKANSAS</u>) ) COUNTY OF <u>GARLAND</u>)

I, Troy Muncrief \_\_\_\_\_\_\_being first duly sworn, state that I am the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ President \_\_\_\_\_\_\_of M.L.M. Telecommunications, Inc. dba Ameritel, Your Phone \_\_\_\_\_\_ Company, the Applicant herein; that I am authorized to sign this Verification on its behalf; that I have reviewed the matters set forth in the Application and Exhibits; and that the statements contained therein are true to the best of my knowledge, except as to those matters which are stated on information or belief, and as to those matters I believe them to be true.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

SS:

Executed this \_\_\_\_\_\_, 2003\_.

M.L.M. Telecommunications, Inc. dba Ameritel, Your, Phone Company

(Signature)

Sworn to and subscribed before me this  $\frac{a}{2}$  day of  $\frac{a}{2}$ , 2003.

Notary Public

