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The Honorable Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge
Missouri Public Service Commission
P.O. Box 360
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Missouri Public
Service Commission

Re: Better World Telecom, Inc.

Dear Judge Roberts:

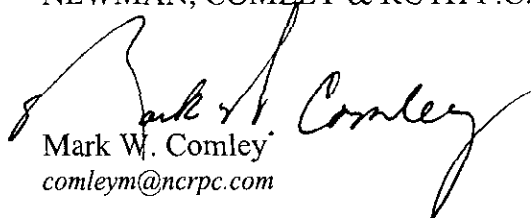
Please find enclosed for filing in the referenced matter the original and five copies of an Application for a Certificate of Service Authority.

Please contact me if you have any questions regarding this filing. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

NEWMAN, COMLEY & RUTH P.C.

By:


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Enclosure

cc: Office of Public Counsel
General Counsel's Office
James Kenefick
Harry Malone

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE
COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

Missouri Public
Service Commission

In the Matter of the Application of)
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Better World Telecom, Inc.)
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for a Certificate of Service Authority to Provide)
Interexchange Telecommunications Services)
And for Competitive Classification)
in the State of Missouri)

Case No. _____

APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE AUTHORITY

Better World Telecom, Inc. ("Better World" or the "Applicant"), a Delaware corporation, files this verified application respectfully requesting that the Missouri Public Service Commission (the "Commission") issue an order that:

- (a) grants Applicant a Certificate of Service Authority to provide resold interexchange telecommunications services in the State of Missouri pursuant to Chapter 392 of the Missouri Revised Statutes;
- (b) classifies Better World as a competitive company; and
- (c) waives certain Commission rules and statutory provisions pursuant to Section 392.420 RSMo.

Accordingly, Better World submits the following information in support of its application:

1. Applicant's legal name is Better World Telecom, Inc. and its principal place of business is located at:

11921 Freedom Drive, Suite 550
Reston, Virginia 20190
Tel: (703) 904-4304
Fax: (703) 997-4900

2. Correspondence or communications pertaining to this application should be directed to:

James Kenefick
11921 Freedom Drive, Suite 550
Reston, Virginia 20190
Tel: (703) 904-4304
Fax: (703) 997-4900

Mark W. Comley
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3000 K St., N.W., Suite 300
Washington, D.C. 20007-5116
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3. Better World seeks authority to provide resold interexchange telecommunications services to businesses and residences within the State of Missouri and requests that the Commission grant it a certificate. Better World also seeks classification as a competitive company, pursuant to Sections 392.361.2 and 392.361.3 RSMo, and the accompanying reduced regulation, pursuant to Section 392.420, RSMo.

4. Better World's toll-free number for customer inquiries is 1-866-567-2273.

I. Requirements of 4 CSR 240-2.060

5. Better World is a Delaware corporation. Better World is qualified to do business in the State of Missouri. A copy of Better World's Certificate of Authority to Transact Business in the State of Missouri is attached hereto as Exhibit 1.

6. Applicant possesses the technical and managerial qualifications to provide telecommunications services within the State of Missouri. Applicant's key management has both the business and telecommunications experience necessary to manage Applicant's operations in Missouri. The biography of Applicant's key manager is attached hereto as Exhibit 2.

7. Better World has the necessary financial resources to provide the telecommunications services described in this Application.

8. Applicant's services will be available on a full-time basis, twenty-four (24) hours a day, seven (7) days a week. Applicant proposes to provide resold intrastate interexchange telecommunications services, including direct dialed 1 + service, toll free service, and post-paid calling service to and from all points within the State of Missouri. Customers will be billed directly by Better World. Better World's proposed tariff is attached as Exhibit 3 and has a forty-five (45) day effective date as required by 4 CSR 240-060(4) C.

9. Better World will not unjustly discriminate among its subscribers, as prohibited by Section 392.200 RSMo.

10. Applicant does not have any pending actions or unsatisfied judgments or decisions against it from any state or federal agency or court involving customer service or rates, which action, judgment or decision has occurred within three (3) years of this application.

11. Applicant does not have any overdue annual report or assessment fees.

II. Waivers Allowed Pursuant to Section 392.420 RSMo

12. Better World, consistent with Section 386.570, RSMo., will comply with all applicable Commission rules except those which are specifically waived by the Commission. Better World hereby requests that, at a minimum, the following statutes and regulations be waived at this time consistent with the Commission's previous decisions regarding other telecommunications providers:

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

REGULATIONS

4 CSR 240-10.020	-	Depreciation fund income
4 CSR 240-30.010 (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

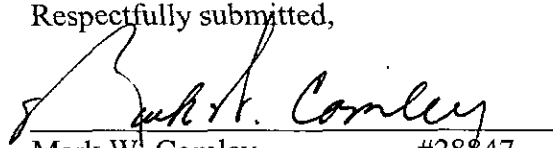
13. To the extent that the Commission may modify its current waiver policies, Better World respectfully reserves the right to amend its waiver requests accordingly.

III. PUBLIC INTEREST

14. Better World submits that the public interest will be served by Commission approval of this application because Better World's proposed services will create and enhance competition and expand customer 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.

WHEREFORE, Better World requests that the Missouri Public Service Commission grant it a Certificate of Service Authority to provide all forms of resold interexchange telecommunications services, classify the company and all its serves as competitive, and grant Better World a waiver of the statutes and regulations referenced above.

Respectfully submitted,



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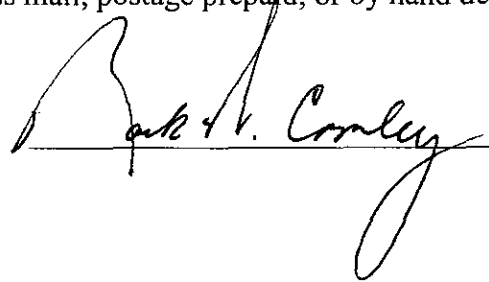
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Counsel for Better World Telecom, Inc.

Dated: February 11, 2003

Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that I have served a copy of the above and foregoing document upon the General Counsel's Office, Public Service Commission, P.O. Box 360, Jefferson City, MO 65102, and Office of Public Counsel, 200 Madison Street, Suite 650, P.O. Box 7800, Jefferson City, MO 65102 by mailing such copy by first class mail, postage prepaid, or by hand delivery, on this 11th day of February, 2003.



EXHIBITS

Exhibit 1	Certificate of Authority to Transact Business
Exhibit 2	Management Biography
Exhibit 3	Proposed Tariff
Verification	

EXHIBIT 1

Certificate of Authority to Transact Business

No. F00506426

STATE OF MISSOURI



Matt Blunt
Secretary of State

CORPORATION DIVISION - CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY

WHEREAS,
BETTER WORLD TELECOM, INC.

using in Missouri the name
BETTER WORLD TELECOM, INC.

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, MATT BLUNT, 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 6th day of MARCH, 2002.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Matt Blunt".

Secretary of State

\$155.00





State of Missouri

Matt Blunt, Secretary of State

Corporations Division
P.O. Box 778, Jefferson City, MO 65102

James C. Kirkpatrick State Information Center
600 W. Main Street, Room 382, Jefferson City, MO 65101

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Application for Certificate of Authority For a Foreign For-Profit Corporation

(Submit in duplicate with filing fee of \$155.00)

Matt Blunt
SECRETARY OF STATE

1. The corporation's name is Better World Telecom, Inc.
and it is organized and existing under the laws of Delaware
2. The name it will use in Missouri is Better World Telecom, Inc.
3. The date of its incorporation was 11/28/2001, and the period of its duration is Perpetual
month/day/year
4. The address of its principal place of business 11921 Freedom Drive, Suite 550, Reston, VA 20194
Address City/State/Zip
5. The name and address of its registered agent and office in the State of Missouri is
C T Corporation System, 120 South Central Avenue, Clayton, MO 63105
Name Address City/State/Zip
6. The specific purpose(s) of its business in Missouri are:
Long Distance Telecommunications Carrier Notwithstanding the foregoing, the purpose of the corporation is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which corporations may be organized to do business
7. The name of its officers and directors and their business addresses are as follows:
(Officers) Name Address City/State/Zip
President _____
Vice President _____
Secretary _____
Treasurer _____
SEE ATTACHMENT
(Board of Directors)
Director James Kenefick, 11921 Freedom Drive, Suite 550, Reston, VA 20194
Director James Kenefick, 11921 Freedom Drive, Suite 550, Reston, VA 20194
Director _____
8. The effective date of this document is the date it is filed by the Secretary of State of Missouri, unless you indicate a future date, as follows:

(Date may not be more than 90 days after the filing date in this office)

In affirmation thereof, the facts stated above are true.

James Kenefick, President 3/1/02.
(Authorized Signature) (Printed Name) (Title) (Date)

Note: You must submit current original certificate of good standing or certificate of existence with this application. This may be obtained from your Secretary of State or other authority that issues corporate charters.

EXHIBIT 2

Management Biography

James Kenefick: CEO and Founder


Mr. Kenefick brings 13 years of telecom and Internet experience to Better World Telecom, Inc. He has raised over \$450 million as an entrepreneur and managed over 600 employees prior to founding Better World Telecom, Inc.

Mr. Kenefick is also a two-time E&Y Entrepreneur of the year finalist, member of YEO, YPO, Kauffman CEL Advisory Board, MIT Birthing of Giants, Babson College Graduate, and member of Business for Social Responsibility.

Verification

State of District of Columbia)
County of Columbia)ss

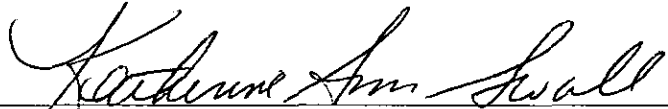
James Kenefick makes oath and says that he is CEO of Better World Telecom, Inc. that he has examined the foregoing application and that to the best of his knowledge, information, and belief, all statements of fact contained in the said application are true, and the said application is a correct statement of the business and affairs of the above-named applicant in respect to each and every matter set forth therein.


(Signature of affiant)

Katherine Ann Swall
Notary Public in and for
The District of Columbia

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a Notary Public/
(Title of person authorized to administer oaths)

in the State and County above named, this 19th day of December, 2002


(Signature of person authorized to administer oath)

MY COMMISSION EXPIRES
OCTOBER 31, 2007

