BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of)	
United Communications Systems, Inc.)	
d/b/a Call One)	
for Certificate of Service Authority to Provide)	
Basic Local Exchange, Non-Switched Local)	Case No. LA-2011-0230
Exchange and Interexchange)	
Telecommunications Services in the)	
State of Missouri and to Classify Said)	
Services and the Company as Competitive)	

<u>APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE AUTHORITY</u>

COMES NOW United Communications Systems, Inc. d/b/a Call One ("Applicant" or "Call One"), by its undersigned counsel, and pursuant to Sections 392.245.5 (8), 392.361, 392.410, 392.420, 392.430, 392.440, 392.450 and 392.455 RSMo., the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996, 4 CSR 240-2.060 and 4 CSR 240-3.510, and files this verified Application requesting that the Missouri Public Service Commission (hereinafter, "the Commission") issue an order that:

- (a) grants Applicant certificate of service authority to provide basic local exchange, non-switched local exchange and interexchange telecommunications services, 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, 392.361 and 392.245.5 (8), RSMo, consistent with the Commission's past treatment of other certificated providers of competitive telecommunications services, including the "new" waivers provided for in HB 1779 (2008).

In support of its Application, Call One states as follows:

1. Call One is a corporation duly organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Illinois, and is duly authorized to conduct business in Missouri. The

nature of Applicant's business is telecommunications. Applicant's principal place of business is 123 North Wacker Drive, Floor 7, Chicago, Illinois 60606. Its telephone number is 312-681-8300 and its fax number is (312) 681-8301. Pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.060(1)(C), a Certificate of Authority and a fictitious name registration, issued by the Missouri Secretary of State, are attached hereto as **Exhibit A**.

2. All correspondence, communications, pleadings, notices, orders and decisions relating to this Application should be addressed to:

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- 3. By this Application, Call One requests a certificate of service authority to provide competitive basic local exchange services to customers throughout all exchanges in the state of Missouri of all incumbent local exchange companies (ILECs). The exchanges in which Call One seeks authority are listed in the approved tariffs of the ILECs, and will be listed in Applicant's tariff. Call One's proposed service areas will follow the respective exchange boundaries of each incumbent LEC and shall be no smaller than an exchange as required by Section 392.455(3) RSMo.
- 4 Upon certification, Applicant will offer services that include local exchange telecommunications services, including Primary Rate Interfaces (PRIs), non-switched local exchange telecommunications services, and intraLATA, and interLATA interexchange telecommunication services for the provision of voice, data and information services to business and residential customers, through the resale of services provided by facilities-based local exchange and interexchange carriers in the State of Missouri.
- 5. Applicant possesses the technical and managerial expertise and experience necessary to provide the services it proposes as required by Section 392.455(1), RSMo. Information concerning Applicant's principal management employees and their qualifications is attached hereto and incorporated herein as **Exhibit B**.
- 6. Applicant possesses the necessary financial resources and abilities to provide the services it proposes as required by Section 392.455(1), RSMo and has the necessary capital to conduct its proposed operations in Missouri. Applicant's financial statements are filed separately, with this Application, as **Exhibit C**. Applicant's financial information is "Highly Confidential" (HC) information pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.135.

- 7. Call One seeks classification of itself and its services as competitive, with accompanying reduced regulation pursuant to Section 392.361 RSMo and 4 CSR 240-3.510(1)(A). Applicant believes that its proposed services will be subject to sufficient competition to justify a lesser degree of regulation and that granting this request will allow greater price and service options for telephone users.
- 8. Call One will offer basic local telecommunications services as a separate and distinct service in accordance with applicable law. Call One will give consideration to equitable access for all Missourians, regardless of where they might reside or their income, to affordable telecommunications services in Call One's proposed service areas in accordance with applicable law.
- 9. Applicant is willing to, and will, comply with all applicable Commission rules and is willing to, and will, meet all relevant requirements and standards in a manner consistent with the Commission's requirements for incumbent local exchange carrier(s) with whom Call One seeks authority to compete. Additionally, Call One agrees that, pursuant to Section 392.455(3) and (4), RSMo, its service area shall be no smaller than an exchange. Consistent with the Commission's treatment of other certificated competitive local exchange telecommunications companies, Applicant requests the following statutes and regulations be waived for Call One and its service offerings:

STATUTES

392.210.2	 Uniform System of Accounts
392.240.1	 Just and Reasonable Rates
392.270	 Ascertain Property Values
392.280	 Depreciation Accounts
392.290	 Issuance of Securities
392.300	 Transfer of Property and Ownership
	of Stock
392.310	 Issuance of Stock & Debt

392.320	-	Stock dividend payment
392.330	-	Issuance of securities, debt and notes
392.340	-	Reorganization(s)

COMMISSION RULES:

4 CSR 240-3.550(4) 4 CSR 240-3.550(5)(A) 4 CSR 240-10.020	- - -	Company Records and Reports Company Records and Reports Depreciation fund income
4 CSR 240-30.040	-	Uniform system of accounts
4 CSR 240-32.050(4)(B)	-	Provide Telephone Directories
4 CSR 240-32.060	-	Engineering and Maintenance Standards
4 CSR 240-32.070	-	Quality of Service
4 CSR 240-32.080	-	Service Objectives and Surveillance Levels
4 CSR 240-33.040 (1)		
through (3), and (5) through (10)	-	Billing and Payment Standards
4 CSR 240-33.045	-	Requiring Clear Identification and Placement of Separately
		Identified Charges on Customer Bills
4 CSR 240-33.080(1)	-	Disputes by Residential Customers
4 CSR 240-33.130(1)	-	Operator Service
4 CSR 240-33.130(4)	-	Operator Service
4 CSR 240-33.130(5)	-	Operator Service

- 10. Applicant acknowledges 4 CSR 240-3.510(1)(C), which requires that a tariff and any applicable interconnection agreements must be filed with the Commission and approved before service can be provided.
- 11. 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, consistent with the legislative goals set forth in the 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. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 392.500, RSMo., as a condition of certification and competitive classification, Call One agrees that, unless otherwise ordered by the Commission, its originating and terminating switched exchange access rates will be no greater than the lowest Commission-approved corresponding access rates in effect for each ILEC within those service area(s) in which Applicant seeks authority to provide service. Additionally, pursuant to the Commission's Report and Order in Case No. TO-99-596, Call One agrees that if the ILEC in whose service area the Applicant is operating decreases its originating and/or terminating access service rates, the Applicant shall file an appropriate tariff amendment to reduce its originating and/or terminating access rates within thirty (30) days of the ILEC's reduction of its originating and/or terminating access rates in order to maintain the cap on switched access rates.
- 13. Call One has no pending or final judgments or decisions against it from any state or federal agency or court that involves customer rates or service.
 - 14. Call One has no annual report or assessment fees that are overdue.
- 15. Applicant acknowledges that 4 CSR 240-4.020 (2) requires any regulated entity to give 60-days' notice prior to filing any case "likely to be a contested case." 4 CSR 240-4.020 (2) (B) provides that a party may request a waiver of that section for good cause. Applicant hereby requests a waiver of the 60-day notice requirement because: (1) this application is unlikely to result in a hearing; (2) the typical non-contested nature of this type of application provides good cause for waiving the requirement; and (3) no communication has occurred with the Commission within the scope of 4 CSR 240-4 prior to the filing of this Application.

WHEREFORE, Applicant United Communications Systems, Inc. respectfully

requests that the Commission: (1) grant it certificate of service authority to provide basic

local exchange, non-switched local exchange and interexchange telecommunications

services as herein requested; (2) classify Applicant and Applicant's proposed services as

competitive: (3) grant the requested waivers of aforesaid statutes and regulations; (4)

approve Call One's separately-submitted tariff; and (5) grant a waiver of 4 CSR 240-

4.020(2) if deemed applicable.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ William D. Steinmeier

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Dated: January 6, 2011

Missouri Application of United Communications Systems, Inc.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I do hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document has been served electronically on the Office of Public Counsel at opcservice@ded.mo.gov and on the General Counsel's office at gencounsel@psc.mo.gov this 6th day of January 2011.

/s/ William D. Steinmeier

William D. Steinmeier

State of Illinois)
) ss
County of)

VERIFICATION

I, Chris Surdenik, being duly sworn according to law, depose and say that I am the President of United Communications Systems, Inc. d/b/a Call One, that I am authorized to and do make this verification for it; and that the facts set forth in the above application are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

SIGNATURE

TITLE:

President

Subscribed and sworn to before me this ____ day of December, 2010.

OFFICIAL SEAL
DENA OSTERBERG
Notary Public - State of Illinois
My Commission Expires Jun 02, 2012

Notary Public

My Commission expires:

June 2, 2012

UNITED COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS, INC. d/b/a CALL ONE

EXHIBIT A

Certificate of Authority
and
Fictitious Name Registration
from
Missouri Secretary of State

State of Missouri



Robin Carnahan Secretary of State CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY

WHEREAS,

UNITED COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS, INC. F01104244

using in Missouri the name

UNITED COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS, INC.

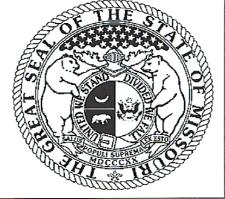
has complied with the General and Business Corporation Law which governs Foreign Corporations; by filing in the office of the Secretary of State of Missouri authenticated evidence of its incorporation and good standing under the Laws of the State of Illinois.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROBIN CARNAHAN, 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 hereunto set my hand and cause to be affixed the GREAT SEAL of the State of Missouri. Done at the City of Jefferson, this 9th day of December, 2010.

Robin Camahan

Secretary of State





State of Missouri

Robin Carnahan, Secretary of State

Corporations Division PO Box 2050 / 600 W. Main St., Rm. 322 Jefferson City, MO 65102

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Robin Carnahan

Secretary of State

Registration of Fictitious Name

(Submit with filing fee of \$7.00)

(Must be typed or printed) This information is for the use of the public and gives no protection to the name being registered. There is no provision in this Chapter to keep another person or business entity from adopting and using the same name. The fictitious name registration expires 5 years from the filing date. (Chapter 417, RSMo) Please check one box: Correction X Amendment X New Registration Renewal X Charter number The undersigned is doing business under the following name and at the following address: Business name to be registered: Call One Business Address: 123 N. Wacker Drive (PO Box may only be used in addition to a physical street address) City, State and Zip Code: Chicago, IL 60606 Owner Information: If a business entity is an owner, indicate business name and percentage owned. If all parties are jointly and severally liable, percentage of ownership need not be listed. Please attach a separate page for more than three owners. The parties having an interest in the business, and the percentage they own are: If Listed, Percentage of Ownership Name of Owners, Charter# Must Equal Individual or Required If Zip Code 100% Street and Number City and State **Business Entity** Business Entity 100% United Communications Systems, Inc. 123 N. Wacker 7th Floor Chicago, IL 60606 All owners must affirm by signing below In Affirmation thereof, the facts stated above are true and correct: (The undersigned understands that false statements made in this filing are subject to the penalties of a false declaration under Section 575.060 RSMo) 12/8/2010 Signature or Authorized Signature of Business Entity Printed Name Owner's Signature or Authorized Signature of Business Entity Printed Name Owner's Signature or Authorized Signature of Business Entity Name and address to return filed document: Name: State of Missouri Address: __ Fictitious Creation 1 Page(s) City, State, and Zip Code:



UNITED COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS, INC. d/b/a CALL ONE

EXHIBIT B

Profiles of Key Management Employees

Management Profiles are being filed as a separate pdf file.

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EXHIBIT C

Financial Information

Financials are being filed as **Highly Confidential** (HC) as a separate pdf file.