BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of)
GLOBAL CONNECTION INCORPORATED) Case No
OF AMERICA)
for Approval of an Interconnection)
Agreement Under the)
Telecommunications Act of 1996)

APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT

COMES NOW Global Connection Incorporated of America, (Applicant), by its undersigned counsel, and pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.060 and 4 CSR 240-3.513(1) hereby files its Application for Approval of an Interconnection Agreement between Applicant and Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Missouri (SBC) under the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (1996 Act). In support of this Application, Applicant states as follows:

I. THE PARTIES

Applicant is a competitive telecommunications carrier authorized to provide basic local exchange telecommunications services by the Commission in its Order Granting Certificate to Provide Basic Local Telecommunications Services and Closing Case, dated January 7, 2005, in Case No. CA-2005-0097. Applicant's authority to transact business in Missouri from the Secretary of State's Office was filed with the Commission in Case No. CA-2005-0097 and that documentation is incorporated herein by reference pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.060(1)(G). Applicant is a Georgia corporation whose business is telecommunications service, with its principal place of business at 3957 Pleasantdale Road, Atlanta, GA 30340. Applicant's name as reflected on this Application differs slightly from references to the company in the Agreement. Specifically, instead of "Global Connection Incorporated of America", Applicant is referred to as "Global Connections Inc. of America." The plural form of "Connections" is a typographical error.

The abbreviation of "Incorporated" is the form of name Applicant uses in most jurisdictions in which it operates; however, that name did not meet the Missouri Secretary of State's naming restrictions. Thus, Applicant registered with the Missouri Secretary of State as, and its certificate of good standing filed as Exhibit 1 to its Application in Case No. CA-2005-0097 reflects the name, "Global Connection Incorporated of America". The entities are the same.

SBC is an incumbent local exchange carrier authorized to provide basic local exchange telephone service in Missouri. It maintains its principal offices in Missouri at One Bell Center, Suite 4210, St. Louis, MO 63101.

Applicant states, in accordance with 4 CSR 240-2.060 (1) (K), that there are no pending actions or final unsatisfied judgments or decisions against Applicant in any state, federal agency, or court which involve customer service or rates for which action, judgment, or decision has occurred within three (3) years of the date of this Application. Pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.060 (1) (L), Applicant states that the Company does not have any overdue annual reports or fees owed to the Missouri Public Service Commission.

All communications, notices, orders and decisions respecting this Application and proceeding should be addressed to:

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A copy of this Application is being served on counsel for SBC.

II. INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT REACHED

Applicant presents to this Commission for approval an Interconnection Agreement entered into between SBC and Applicant, executed pursuant to the terms of the 1996 Act, and submitted as an interconnection agreement arrived at through negotiation pursuant to 4 CSR 240-3.513(1). A copy of the Agreement is being filed electronically in several parts herewith. This agreement is a negotiated contract and is based upon the terms of the standard SBC 13-STATE Interconnection Agreement that SBC has entered into with other competitive telecommunications carriers, and which has previously been approved by the Commission. The Agreement was executed by Applicant on April 25, 2005, and by SBC on May 16, 2005. There are no outstanding issues between Applicant and SBC that need the assistance of mediation or arbitration.

II. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL

Applicant seeks the Commission's approval of the Agreement, consistent with the provisions of the 1996 Act and Missouri law. The implementation of this Agreement complies fully with Section 252(e) of the Federal Act because the Agreement is consistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity and does not discriminate against any telecommunications carrier.

Applicant 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 the parties.

III. STANDARD FOR REVIEW

The statutory standards of review are set forth in Section 252(e) of the Federal Act which provides as follows:

- (e) Approval by State Commission
 - (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.

IV. MISSOURI LAW

The executed Agreement is consistent with Missouri Law.

V. CONCLUSION

WHEREFORE, for the foregoing reasons, Global Connection Incorporated of America respectfully requests the Commission approve its interconnection agreement with SBC Missouri.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing Verified Application has been served electronically on the General Counsel's Office and the Office of the Public Counsel this 25th day of August 2005.

/s/Mary Ann Young

Mary Ann (Garr) Young

VERIFICATION

STATE OF GEORGIA

COUNTY OF DEKALB

I, <u>HOUSSAM ABDALLAH</u>, being first duly sworn, state that I am the <u>PRESIDENT</u> of Global Connection Incorporated of America, Applicant herein; that I am authorized to sign this Verification on Applicant's behalf, that I have reviewed the matters set forth in the Application, and that the statements set forth therein are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Name: Houssam Abdallah

Title: President

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a Notary Public in and for the said County and State above named, this $\underline{16^{th}}$ day of $\underline{\text{August}}$, $20\underline{05}$.

Notary Public: Angela C. Briggs

My Commission Expires:

ANGELA C BRIGGS
Notary Public, Gwinnett County, Georgia
My Commission Expires December 3, 2005

