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Via Overnight Delivery

July 6, 2011

Ms. Colleen M. Dale, Secretary
Missouri Pubic Service Commission
Governor Office Building - Records Department
PO Box 360
200 Madison Street, Suite 100
Jefferson City, MO 65102-0537

Re: Application of Granite Telecommunications, LLC For Waiver of Certain Commission Rules and Statutes

Dear Ms. Dale:

Pursuant to instruction from Mr. John Van Eschen, Telecommunication Manager, enclosed for filing with the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") is an original plus eight (8) copies of Granite Telecommunications, LLC's (Granite)

Application For Waiver of Certain Commission Rules and Statutes

Please acknowledge receipt of this filing by file stamping and returning the additional copy of this transmittal letter in the self-addressed, postage prepaid envelope enclosed for this purpose.

Please contact the undersigned directly at 503.997.2702 if you have any questions concerning this filing.

Sincerely,

for MILLER ISAR, INC.

William E. Braun

Enclosures

Regulatory Consultants to Granite Telecommunications, Inc.

#### BEFORE THE MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application of	)	
Granite Telecommunications, LLC	)	Case No.
for Waiver of Certain	)	
Commission Rules and Statutes	j	

## APPLICATION OF GRANITE TELECOMMUNICATIONS, LLC FOR WAIVER OF CERTAIN COMMISSION RULES AND STATUES

COMES NOW Granite Telecommunications, LLC, ("Granite" or "Applicant", pursuant to Section 392.420 R.S. Mo. and 4 CSR 240-2-060, and hereby requests that the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") issue an order waiving certain Commission rules and statues.

In support of its Application, Granite states to the Commission as follows:

1. Name and Address: Applicant's legal name is Granite

Telecommunications, LLC. Granite maintains its principle place of business at:

100 Newport Avenue Extension Quincy, Massachusetts 02171 Telephone: 866.847.1500 Facsimile: 866.847.5550

2. <u>Contact Person</u>: All inquiries, correspondence, communications, pleading, notices, orders and decisions relating to this Application should be directed the following:

Mr. Geoff Cookman
Granite Telecommunications, LLC
100 Newport Avenue Extension
Quincy, Massachusetts 02171

Telephone:

617.933.5521

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866.847.5550

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- 3. Corporate Structure: Granite is a Delaware Limited Liability Company authorized to conduct business within the State of Missouri. A copy of its Certificate of Good Standing is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference as Exhibit A. Further, Applicant was granted authority to provide basic local exchange and interexchange services by this Commission in Case No. LA-2004-0124 (Order effective December 3, 2003) and Case No. TA-2006-0382 (Order effective May 11, 2006).
- 4. <u>Classification of Services as Competitive</u>: In the previous orders granting Applicant's certificates of service authority, the Commission classified Granite and its services as competitive.
- 5. <u>Waive of Rules</u>: The Commission has previously waived certain statutes and regulations as to Granite, but due to the passage of time, the list is not as comprehensive as would be consistent with current Commission practices. Pursuant to Section 392.420 R.S. Mo. (see also Section 392.245.5(8)) which provides good cause for this request), Granite requests the following Commission Rules be waived for Granite:

#### Commission Rules

4 CSR 240-3.550 (5)(A) 1, -3.

4 CSR 240-32.070

4 CSR 240-32.080

quality of service reports.

quality of service

service objectives and surveillance levels

- 6. Good Cause: Good cause exists for granting these waivers pursuant to HB 1779, enacted by the Missouri General Assembly in 2008, which states that alternative local exchange companies should be relieved of certain regulatory requirements. On that basis, Applicant submits that it is entitled to waiver of the listed requirements. No public utility will be affected by the requested waiver of these statutes and regulations.
- 7. Pending Actions: Granite does not have any pending action or final unsatisfied judgments or decisions against it from any state or federal agency or court which involve customer service or customer rates, which action, judgment or decision has occurred within three years of the date of this Application.
- 8. <u>Compliance with Orders and Regulations</u>: Granite will comply with all applicable orders and regulations of the Commission.
- 9. <u>Annual Reports and Fees</u>: Granite does not have any overdue annual reports or assessment fees.
- 10. <u>Tariff</u>: Following approval, Granite will submit a revised tariff to reflect the waivers granted herein.

WHEREFORE, Granite respectfully requests that the Commission issue an Order to grant waiver of the identified rules and statutes and grant such other and further relieve to Granite Telecommunications, LLC, as the Commission deems just and proper.

Respectfully submitted,

Rand Currier Chief Operating Officer

Mr. Rand Currier

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## GRANITE TELECOMMUNICATIONS, LLC

## **EXHIBIT A**

Missouri Secretary of State

**Evidence of Continued Good Standing** 

# STATE OF MISSOURI



## Robin Carnahan Secretary of State

# CORPORATION DIVISION CERTIFICATE OF GOOD STANDING

I, ROBIN CARNAHAN, Secretary of the State of Missouri, do hereby certify that the records in my office and in my care and custody reveal that

### GRANITE TELECOMMUNICATIONS, LLC

using in Missouri the name

## GRANITE TELECOMMUNICATIONS, LLC FL0534647

a DELAWARE entity was created under the laws of this State on the 5th day of August, 2003, and is in good standing, having fully complied with all requirements of this office.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have set my hand and imprinted the GREAT SEAL of the State of Missouri, on this, the 29th day of June, 2011

Secretary of State

Certification Number: 13959888-1 Reference:

Verify this certificate online at https://www.sos.mo.gov/businessentity/soskb/verify.asp

### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of this document was served upon the parties listed below on this 6th day of 9, 2011, by either e-mail or U.S. Mail, postage prepaid.

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State of Massachusetts	)		
County of Norfolk			
VERIFICATION			
I Rand Currier, COO	of Granite Telecommunications, LLC, hereby verify and affirm that I		
have read the foregoing Appl	lication For Waiver Of Certain Commission Rules and Statutes, and that		
the statements contained ther	rein are true and correct to the best of my information and belief.		
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 28 day of June, 2011			
	Notary Public		
My Commission expires: 1	2/15/2011		
	TIMOTHY JOHN PRENCH COMMONWEATH OF MASSACHUSETTS MY Committeen Explices December 16, 2011		