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MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Mr. Cecil Wright
Executive Secretary
MO PSC, P. O. Box 360
Jefferson City, MO 65102

Re: Application of Laclede Technologies, L.L.C.

Dear Mr. Wright:

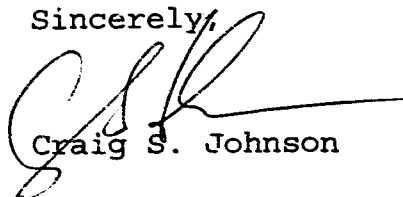
Enclosed please find an original and 14 copies of Application of Laclede Technologies, L.L.C., with the following attachments:

Certified Copies of Articles of Organization and Certificate of Organization;

Applicant's Initial Tariffs PSC Mo No. 1, Original Sheets 1-21, with a July 7, 1997 effective date.

I have this day sent copies to MO PSC Staff and Office of Public Counsel. Thank you for seeing these filed.

Sincerely,



Craig S. Johnson

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Enclosures
cc: Office of Public Counsel
MO PSC Staff
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Donald L. Clark
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MISSOURI
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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of)
Laclede Technologies, L.L.C., for a)
Certificate of Authority to Provide)
Interexchange and nonswitched local)
Telecommunications Services within)
the State of Missouri.)

Case No. TA-97-507

APPLICATION

Comes now Applicant Laclede Technologies, L.L.C., pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.060 and submits this Application. Applicant hereby applies for competitive classification of itself and its services pursuant to § 392.361 RSMo, and requests a Certificate of Service Authority to provide and resell interexchange and nonswitched local telecommunications services within the state of Missouri pursuant to §§ 392.410, 392.420, and 392.430 RSMo, and requests the standard waiver of statutes and rules granted competitive companies and services authorized by federal and state law. In support of this Amended Application, Applicant states the following:

1. Applicant is a Limited Liability Company duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Missouri. Certified Copies of Applicant's Articles of Organization and Certificate of Organization are attached hereto as Exhibits 1 and 2 respectively. The character of Applicant's business is as indicated on the Articles of Organization. Applicant's initial interest is to provide fiber optic facilities to public and private entities.

2. Applicant's registered agent, principal office and place

7.

of business is:

Donald L. Clark
Laclede Technologies, L.L.C.
300 East Seminole Road, P. O. Box M
Lebanon, MO 65536
(417) 532-3164
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3. Communications, pleadings, and correspondence pertaining to this Application should be addressed and delivered to:

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4. Applicant hereby requests a certificate of service authority to provide interexchange and nonswitched local telecommunications services, including the resale thereof, within the state of Missouri pursuant to §§ 392.410, 392.420, and 392.430 RSMo.

5. Applicant hereby requests that it and its services be classified as competitive services pursuant to § 392.361 RSMo. Applicant initially intends to provide fiber capacity and services on fiber facilities to public schools for educational purposes, and may thereafter provide data or communications services on fiber facilities to others.

6. Applicant hereby requests, pursuant to § 392.420 RSMo, waiver of the following rules and statutory provisions regarding

the regulation of Applicant as a competitive telecommunications carrier:

STATUTES

392.240 (1) RSMO	Rate
392.270 RSMo	Valuation of Property
392.280 RSMo	Depreciation
392.290 RSMo	Issuance securities
392.310 RSMo	Issuance securities
392.320 RSMo	Stock dividends
392.330 RSMo	Disposition stock proceeds
392.340 RSMo	Reorganization

RULES

4 CSR 240-10.020	Income on Deprec Invest
4 CSR 240-30.010 (2) (C)	Rate schedules
4 CSR 240-30.040	Uniform system of accounts
4 CSR 240-32.030 (1) (B)	Exchange maps
4 CSR 240-32.030 (1) (C)	Applications
4 CSR 240-32.030 (2)	Records
4 CSR 240-32.050 (3-6)	Records
4 CSR 240-32.070 (4)	Coin telephone
4 CSR 240-33.030	Minimum charges
4 CSR 240-33.040 (5)	Delinquent charges

7. Applicant files herewith as Exhibit 3 its initial tariffs with a proposed effective date 45 days after the filing of the original Application, July 7, 1997.

8. Applicant possesses sufficient technical, financial, and managerial resources and abilities to provide the interexchange and nonswitched local telecommunications services for which certification is requested. Applicant is an affiliate of Laclede Electric Cooperative, a Missouri Rural Electric Cooperative operating in 6 counties for over 50 years with total assets and gross sales in excess of \$58,000,000 and \$28,029,000, respectively.

9. Applicant will comply with all applicable Commission rules and regulations for which waiver is not granted.

10. The granting of this application is in the public interest as improving school telecommunications services is in the public interest, as is increasing the supply and choices of competitive telecommunications providers and services in Missouri.

WHEREFORE, Applicant respectfully requests that the Commission grant Applicant the certificates of service authority requested, the waivers of statutes and rules requested, and approve the tariffs filed herewith, together with such other and further relief that the Commission deems appropriate.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that a true copy of the foregoing was mailed first class, postage prepaid this 23rd day of May, 1997, to MOPSC Staff General Counsel, and to the Office of Public Counsel.



Craig S. Johnson

VERIFICATION

State of Missouri)
) ss.
County of)

Comes now Donald L. Clark, being of lawful age and duly sworn, swears and affirms that:

1. My name is Donald L. Clark and I am the organizer and registered agent for Laclede Technologies, L.L.C. In that capacity I am authorized to apply for a certificate of service authority for Laclede Technologies, L.L.C. to provide nonswitched local and interexchange telecommunications within the state of Missouri.

2. The information contained in this Application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

3. I have authorized Craig S. Johnson and the firm of Andereck, Evans, Milne, Peace and Baumhoer, L.L.C. to file and prosecute this application before the Missouri Public Service Commission.

Donald L. Clark
Donald L. Clark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 22 day of May, 1997.

Debra L. Musice
Notary Public

My Commission expires 1/12/2001.



DEBRA L. MUSICE Notary Public
Laclede County State of Missouri
My Commission Expires Jan. 12, 2001



State of Missouri
Rebecca McDowell Cook, Secretary of State
P.O. Box 778, Jefferson City, Mo. 65102
Corporation Division

Articles of Organization
(Submit in duplicate with filing fee of \$105)

1. The name of the limited liability company is:
Laclede Technologies, L.L.C.
2. The purpose(s) for which the limited liability company is organized: To provide fiber optic communication services and any other legal purpose.
3. The name and address of the limited liability company's registered agent in Missouri is:

<u>Laclede Electric Cooperative, 300 E. Seminole, P.O. Box M, Lebanon, MO. 65536</u>		
<small>Name</small>	<small>Street address</small>	<small>City/State/Zip</small>
4. The management of the limited liability company is vested in one or more managers. Yes No
5. The latest date on which the limited liability company is to dissolve is: December 31, 2027
Month/Day/Year
6. Upon the withdrawal of any member, the remaining member(s) have the following right(s) (if any) to continue the business and affairs of the limited liability company:
All rights to continue or terminate.
7. The name(s) and address(es) of each organizer:
Donald L. Clark, 300 E. Seminole, P.O. Box M
Lebanon, Missouri 65536
8. For tax purposes, is the limited liability company considered a corporation? Yes No

In affirmation thereof, the facts stated above are true:

Donald L. Clark Organizer

_____ Organizer

STATE OF MISSOURI



**Rebecca McDowell Cook
Secretary of State**

CERTIFICATE OF ORGANIZATION LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

WHEREAS,

LACLEDE TECHNOLOGIES, L.L.C.

FILED ITS ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION WITH THIS OFFICE ON THE 19TH DAY OF MAY, 1997, AND THAT FILING WAS FOUND TO CONFORM TO THE MISSOURI LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY ACT;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, REBECCA MCDOWELL COOK, SECRETARY OF STATE, STATE OF MISSOURI, BY VIRTUE OF AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME BY LAW, DO CERTIFY AND DECLARE THAT ON THE 19TH DAY OF MAY, 1997, THE ABOVE ENTITY IS A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, ORGANIZED IN THIS STATE AND ENTITLED TO ANY RIGHTS GRANTED TO LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANIES.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I HAVE SET MY HAND AND IMPRINTED THE GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, ON THIS, THE 19TH DAY OF MAY, 1997.

Rebecca McDowell Cook
Secretary of State



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