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VIA OVERNIGHT DELIVERY

Mr. Dale Roberts
Chief A.L.J./Executive Secretary
Missouri Public Service Commission
301 W. High Street, Suite 530
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102

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Re: Ozark Telecom, Inc.

TA-2000-239

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Pursuant to Natelle Anna's request, enclosed please find an original and fourteen (14) copies of Ozark Telecom, Inc.'s Amended Application for Certificate of Service Authority to Provide Interexchange Telecommunications Services Within the State of Missouri and revised tariff.

I have also enclosed an extra copy of this letter to be date stamped and returned to me in the enclosed, self addressed, postage prepaid envelope.

If you have any questions or if I may provide you with any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlotte Lacey

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Legal Assistant to Lance J.M. Steinhart
Attorney for Ozark Telecom, Inc.

Enclosures

cc: Linda Walters
Office Counsel

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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In the matter of the)
amended application of Ozark)
Telecom, Inc. d/b/a Ozark)
Telecom of Arkansas, Inc.)
for a certificate of)
service authority)
to provide interexchange)
telecommunications services)

Missouri Public
Service Commission

Case No. TA-2000-239

APPLICATION

Ozark Telecom, Inc. d/b/a Ozark Telecom of Arkansas, Inc.
("Applicant"), an Arkansas Corporation, files this verified
application respectfully requesting that the Missouri Public
Service Commission ("Commission") issue an order that:

- (a) grants Applicant a Certificate of Service Authority to
provide interexchange telecommunications services
pursuant to Chapter 392 of the Missouri Revised
Statutes.
- (b) grants competitive status to Applicant.
- (c) waives certain Commission rules and statutory
provisions pursuant to Section 392.420, RSMo Cum.
Supp. 1992.

In support of its request, Applicant states:

1. The legal name and principal office or place of business of
the Applicant are:

Ozark Telecom, Inc. d/b/a Ozark Telecom of Arkansas, Inc.
1115 Mill Street
Camden, South Carolina 29020
(803) 425-4001/Phone
(803) 424-0315/Facsimile

A copy of Applicant's Articles of Incorporation and certificate
of authority from the Missouri Secretary of State to transact
business in Missouri are attached hereto as Exhibit I. Applicant
is a wholly-owned subsidiary of National Bankcard Services, Inc.

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2. The name and address of Applicant's in-state attorney is:

Judith A. Rau, Esq.
Rau & Rau
1007 Olive Street, 5th Floor
St. Louis, Missouri 63101

3. Applicant proposes to provide interexchange telecommunications services within Missouri including direct outbound dialing (1+ and 101XXXX), 800 and 888 (inbound Toll-Free), travel cards, and prepaid calling cards. Applicant proposes to provide service to prospective customers throughout the State of Missouri.

4. Applicant has the experience in the telecommunications industry and the technical and financial resources to provide telecommunications services within Missouri. A brief description of the qualifications and experience of the key management employees is attached hereto as Exhibit II. A copy of the Applicant's parent company's Sheet and Income Statement for 3 months ended March 31, 1999 is attached hereto as Exhibit III.

5. Applicant's draft Tariff is attached as Exhibit IV. The proposed tariff contains the rules and regulations applicable to its customers, a description of the services offered, and a list of rates associated with such services.

6. Applicant requests classification as a competitive telecommunications company within the State of Missouri.

Applicant believes that its proposed services will be subject to sufficient competition to justify a lesser degree of regulation. Granting of this application will allow greater price and service options for telephone users.

7. Applicant also requests, pursuant to Section 392.420 RSMo (Cum. Supp. 1992), that the Commission waive the application of the following rules and statutory provisions as it relates to the regulation of Applicant:

392.240(1) Rates-reasonable average return on investment.

392.270 Property valuation.

392.280 Depreciation rates.

392.290 Issuance of stocks and bonds.

392.310 Issuance of stocks and bonds.

392.320 Issuance of stocks and bonds.

392.330 Issuance of stocks and bonds.

392.340 Reorganization.

4 CSR 240-10.020	Income on depreciation fund investments.
4 CSR 240-30.010(2)(C)	Posting exchange rates at central offices.
4 CSR 240-32.030(1)(B)	Exchange boundary maps.
4 CSR 240-32.030(1)(C)	Record of access lines.
4 CSR 240-32.030(2)	Records kept within state.
4 CSR 240-32.050(3-6)	Telephone directories.
4 CSR 240-32.070(4)	Coin telephones.
4 CSR 240-33.030	Inform customers of lowest priced service.
4 CSR 240-33.040(5)	Finance Fee.
4 CSR 240-30.040	Uniform System of Accounts

The above-referenced rules and statutory provisions have been waived to other interexchange carriers in prior cases.

8. Applicant, pursuant to Section 386.570, Cum. Supp. 1992, will comply with all applicable Commission rules except those which are specifically waived by the Commission pursuant to a request filed by the Applicant.

9. Correspondence or communications pertaining to this Application should be addressed to:

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WHEREFORE, Applicant, Ozark Telecom, Inc. d/b/a Ozark Telecom of Arkansas, Inc., respectfully requests that the Missouri Public Service Commission grant it a certificate of service authority to provide interexchange telecommunications services within the State of Missouri. Applicant also requests classification as a competitive telecommunications company. In addition Applicant requests a waiver of the above-referenced rules and statutory provisions.

Respectfully submitted,



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