

In the matter of the)
Application of)
Touchtone Communications Inc.)
)
for a certificate of service)
authority to provide) Case No. _____
interexchange telecommunications)
services and to classify such)
services and the company as)
Competitive)

Touchtone Communications Inc., ("Applicant"), a Delaware 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, and classifies the Applicant's services as competitive.
- (c) waives certain Commission rules and statutory provisions pursuant to Section 392.420, RSMo Cum. Supp. 1992.

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

Touchtone Communications Inc.
16 South Jefferson Road
Whippany, New Jersey 07981
(973) 739-9300/Phone
(973) 739-9366/Facsimile

A copy of Applicant's Certificate of Incorporation and certificate of authority from the Missouri Secretary of State to transact business in Missouri are attached hereto as Exhibit I.

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

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3. Applicant is a reseller of telecommunications services. 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 respectfully requests authority to provide service to prospective business and residential 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 Balance Sheet as of August 31, 2002 and the Income Statement for the period ending August 31, 2002 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, and that its services are classified as competitive. Applicant believes that its proposed services will be subject to sufficient competition to justify a lesser degree of regulation. Granting of this application is in the public interest as it will allow greater price and service options for telephone users.

7. Applicant also respectfully 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:

392.210.2 Establish Uniform System of Accounts for Annual reports
392.240(1) Setting just and reasonable rates
392.270 Ascertain Property values
392.280 Establish Depreciation accounts
392.290 Issuance of securities
392.300.2 Acquisition of stock
392.310 Issuance of stock and debt
392.320 Stock Dividend Payment
392.330 Issuance of securities, debts and notes
392.340 Reorganization(s)
4 CSR 240-10.020 Depreciation fund income
4 CSR 240-30.010(2) (C) Posting exchange rates at central offices.
4 CSR 240-33.030 Inform customers of lowest price
4 CSR 240-35 Reporting of bypass
4 CSR 240-30.040 Uniform System of Accounts

The above-referenced rules and statutory provisions have been waived as 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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10. The Applicant has no pending actions or final unsatisfied judgments or decisions against it from any state or federal agency or court which involve customer service or rates, which action, judgment or decision has occurred within three (3) years of the date of this application. No Commission annual reports or assessment fees are overdue.

11. Grant of this Application will further the public interest by expanding the availability of competitive telecommunications services in the State of Missouri. In addition, intrastate offering of these services is in the public interest because the services will provide Missouri customers with access to new technologies and service choices, and can permit customers to achieve increased efficiencies and cost savings. In particular, the public will benefit directly, through the use of the competitive services to be offered by Applicant, and indirectly, because the presence of Applicant in this market will increase the incentives for other telecommunications providers to operate more efficiently, offer more innovative services, reduce their prices, and improve their quality of service.


WHEREFORE, Applicant, Touchtone Communications 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 and that its services be classified as competitive. In addition Applicant requests a waiver of the above-referenced rules and statutory provisions.

Respectfully submitted,



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