

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

In the Matter of the Application of)	
Spectrotel, Inc.)	
d/b/a Touch Base Communications)	
for Certificates of Service Authority)	
to Provide Basic Local, Intrastate)	File No. LA-2012-0169
Interexchange and Non-Switched)	
Local Exchange Telecommunications)	
Services in the State of Missouri and)	
to Classify said Services and the)	
Company as Competitive)	

APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATES OF SERVICE AUTHORITY

COMES NOW Spectrotel, Inc. d/b/a Touch Base Communications, a Delaware Corporation, (“Applicant” or “Spectrotel”), by its undersigned counsel, and hereby applies pursuant to sections 392.361, 392.410, 392.420, 392.430, 392.440, 392.450 and 392.455, RSMo, the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996, and 4 CSR 240-2.060 and 4 CSR 240-3.510, for certificates of service authority to provide basic local, intrastate interexchange and non-switched local exchange telecommunications services in the State of Missouri, and to classify said services and Applicant as competitive. Pursuant to Sections 392.420, 392.245.5(8) and 392.361, RSMo and 4 CSR 240-32.010(2), Applicant also seeks a waiver of certain Commission rules and statutory provisions.

1. Spectrotel, Inc. d/b/a Touch Base Communications is a corporation duly organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Delaware and is duly authorized to conduct business in Missouri. The nature of Applicant’s business is telecommunications. Pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.060(1)(C), a Certificate of Authority to

transact business in Missouri, issued by the Missouri Secretary of State, and a Registration of Fictitious Name, are attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference as **Exhibit A**. Applicant's principal place of business is 3535 State Highway 66, Suite 7, Neptune, New Jersey (NJ) 07753. Its telephone number is (732) 345-7000 and its toll-free customer service number is (888) 773-9722 for business customers and (888) 700-5850 for residential customers.

2. An officer's verification of the information contained in the Application is attached hereto.

3. All correspondence, communications, pleadings, notices, orders, and decisions relating to this Application should be addressed to:

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4. By this Application, Spectrotel requests certificate(s) of service authority to provide basic local exchange and non-switched local exchange telecommunications services on a facilities and resold basis, throughout all exchanges in the state of Missouri of all incumbent local exchange companies (ILECs). The exchanges in which Applicant seeks authority are listed in the approved tariffs of the ILECs, and will be listed in Applicant's tariff. Spectrotel's proposed service areas will follow the respective exchange boundaries of the stated incumbent LEC and shall be no smaller than an exchange as required by Section 392.455(3) RSMo. Further, Applicant proposes to provide interexchange telecommunications services on a resold basis throughout the State of Missouri.

5. Upon certification, Applicant will provide services by combining unbundled network elements and reselling services obtained from AT&T Missouri pursuant to interconnection agreement(s) that Applicant will file with the Commission. Applicant may also acquire services and facilities from other carriers operating in the State. Spectrotel will, through interconnection with other carriers or resale of other carriers' services, provide access to 911 and enhanced 911 emergency services and provide directory assistance and operator assisted calling, dual party relay services, and other miscellaneous services currently provided by incumbent local exchange carriers. Spectrotel intends to provide local service using unbundled network combinations offered by AT&T Missouri and via resold services. Spectrotel plans to commence

offering basic local service upon receiving Commission approval of its interconnection agreement(s) and related tariffs.

6. Pursuant to this Application, Spectrotel seeks authority to offer and provide all forms of facilities-based and resold basic local telecommunications service to customers within Missouri as defined in 386.020(4) RSMo. The Applicant also seeks authority to offer and provide resold intrastate interexchange service and non-switched local exchange service.

7. Applicant possesses the technical and managerial expertise and experience necessary to provide the services it proposes as required by Section 392.455(1) RSMo. Spectrotel will initially utilize resold services and combinations of network elements provided by the underlying carrier(s). Underlying carriers will perform all local switching, routing and call completion functions. Company personnel have experience working with underlying carriers of local and long distance services. Applicant's technical and managerial personnel are well qualified to provide the proposed services. A listing of Applicant's principal management employees and their qualifications is attached hereto and incorporated herein as **Exhibit B**.

8. Applicant possesses the necessary financial resources and abilities to provide the services it proposes as required by Section 392.455(1), RSMo and has the necessary capital to conduct its proposed operations in Missouri. The Qualifications Affidavit attached to this Application as **Exhibit C** addresses the technical, managerial and financial qualifications of the Applicant as required by 4 CSR 240-3.510 (1) (D).

9. Spectrotel seeks classification of itself and its services as competitive, with accompanying reduced regulation pursuant to Section 392.361 RSMo and 4 CSR 240-

3.510(1)(A). Applicant believes that its proposed services will be subject to sufficient competition to justify a lesser degree of regulation and that granting this request will allow greater price and service options for telephone users.

10. Spectrotel will offer basic local telecommunications services as a separate and distinct service in accordance with applicable law. Spectrotel will give consideration to equitable access for all Missourians, regardless of where they might reside or their income, to affordable telecommunications services in Spectrotel's proposed service areas in accordance with law.

11. Applicant is willing to comply with all applicable Commission rules, except those that are waived, in providing basic local service. Specifically, Applicant will maintain tariffs that meet applicable minimum standards established by the Commission. Applicant will make reports to and other informational filings with the Commission as required. Pursuant to Section 392.420, RSMo and Section 392.245.5(8), which provide good cause for this request, Applicant requests the following statutes and regulations be waived for Spectrotel, Inc. and its basic exchange service offerings:

STATUTES

392.210.2	Uniform System of Accounts
392.240.1	Rates-rentals-service & connections
392.270	Valuation of property (ratemaking)
392.280	Depreciation accounts
392.290	Issuance of securities
392.300	Transfer of assets and acquisition of stock
392.310	Issuance of securities
392.320	Stock dividend payment
392.330	Issuance of securities, debt and notes
392.340	Reorganization(s)

REGULATIONS

4 CSR 240-3.550(4)	Held order records
4 CSR 240-3.550(5)(A)	Quality of service reports
4 CSR 240-10.020	Depreciation fund income
4 CSR 240-30.040	Uniform System of Accounts
4 CSR 240-32.060	Engineering and maintenance
4 CSR 240-32.070	Quality of service
4 CSR 240-32.080	Service objectives and surveillance levels
4 CSR 240-33.040(1)-(3) and (5)-(10)	Billing and payment standards
4 CSR 240-33.045	Appearance of charges on bills
4 CSR 240-33.080(1)	Company name and number on bills
4 CSR 240-33.130(1), (4) and (5)	Operator service requirements
4CSR 240-32.050(4)(B)	Limited White Pages waiver

12. Applicant acknowledges 4 CSR 240-3.510(1)(C), which requires that a tariff and any applicable interconnection agreements must be filed with the Commission and approved before service can be provided. Applicant is filing proposed tariffs with a forty-five (45) day effective date contemporaneously with this Application.

13. Applicant submits that the public interest will be served by Commission approval of this Application because Applicant's proposed service will create and enhance competition and expand customer service options, consistent with the legislative goals set forth in the Telecommunications Act of 1996 and Chapter 392, RSMo. Prompt approval of this Application also will expand the availability of innovative, high quality and reliable telecommunications services within the State of Missouri.

14. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 392.500, RSMo., as a condition of certification and competitive classification, Spectrotel agrees that, unless otherwise ordered by the Commission, Spectrotel's originating and terminating switched exchange access rates will be no greater than the lowest Commission-approved corresponding

access rates in effect for each ILEC within those service area(s) in which Applicant seeks authority to provide service. Additionally, pursuant to the Commission's Report and Order in Case No. TO-99-596, Spectrotel agrees that if the ILEC in whose service area the Applicant is operating decreases its originating and/or terminating access service rates, the Applicant shall file an appropriate tariff amendment to reduce its originating and/or terminating access rates within thirty (30) days of the ILEC's reduction of its originating and/or terminating access rates in order to maintain the cap on switched access rates.

15. Spectrotel has no pending or final judgments or decisions against it from any state or federal agency or court that involves customer rates or service.

16. Spectrotel has no annual report or assessment fees that are overdue.

WHEREFORE, Applicant Spectrotel, Inc. d/b/a Touch Base Communications respectfully requests that the Commission grant it certificate(s) of service authority to provide basic local exchange, non-switched local exchange and interexchange telecommunications services as herein requested, classify Applicant and Applicant's proposed services as competitive, and grant the requested waivers of aforesaid statutes and regulations.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I do hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document has been served electronically on the Office of Public Counsel at opcservice@ded.mo.gov and on the General Counsel's office at gencounsel@psc.mo.gov this 29th day of November, 2011.

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VERIFICATION

(Attached as separate pdf file.)

SPECTROTEL, INC. D/B/A TOUCH BASE COMMUNICATIONS

EXHIBIT A

Certificate of Authority and Fictitious Name Registration from
Missouri Secretary of State

(Attached as separate pdf file.)

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EXHIBIT B

Profiles of Key Management Employees

Spectrotel Management Profiles

Spectrotel's management team is experienced, with a successful track record of building and managing fast-growing communications companies. Jack Dayan founded Spectrotel Inc. (formerly Plan B Communications) in 1996 and continues to provide leadership to the company as the CEO. Mr. Dayan has grown the company and has successfully attracted a strong and experienced management team with expertise in communications and operations and finance.

Key Team Members

Jack Dayan - CEO

Following the enactment of the Telecom Act of 1996, he moved into the telecommunications business and founded what is now known as Spectrotel. Under his leadership, Spectrotel has grown into a multimillion dollar corporation. Mr. Dayan also founded and operates several other enterprises including RazGate (2007), iManaged (2008), and most recently USA Gold Corp (2009). Previously, Mr. Dayan started his career leading the Asian division of a family enterprise in consumer electronics. He earned his bachelor of science degree in Finance from New York University's Stern School of Business in 1992.

Ross Artale – COO

Mr. Artale brought over 16 years of telecommunications experience when he joined Spectrotel as Vice President of Operations in 2007 and was later promoted to Chief Operating Officer. Mr. Artale has a successful track record of creating best in class service organizations. He began his career at Mobile Comm, a Bell South Company and then later took management positions at two start-up companies, Geotek and Prism Communications. In 2000, Mr. Artale moved to the role of Vice President, Customer Care for InfoHighway Communications, f/k/a Eureka Broadband Corporation where over the next seven years, he was part of the management team that grew the company from a small start up to a \$100 million corporation. At Spectrotel, he is responsible for managing and leading all day to day operations including, sales, sales operations, customer care, provisioning and engineering, quality assurance, regulatory, product management, and marketing.

Edward Kazar – CFO

Mr. Kazar joined Spectrotel as CFO in February 2009, and is responsible for executive management and oversight of Spectrotel's financial operations and human resources. He brings over 30 years of experience to the Spectrotel team and has had an extremely successful history of managing financial operations in several technology companies having held senior positions Lucent Technologies, Avaya, Infohighway Communications, and Teliris Telepresence. His expertise in working capital improvements and M&A events has driven revenue growth, profitability, and successful liquidity events. He was instrumental in the successful IPO debuts of both Lucent and

Avaya. Mr. Kazar has a bachelor of science from the University of Dayton and earned an MBA from Seton Hall University.

Mitch Wright - CIO

As Chief Information Officer since 2002, Mr. Wright's responsibilities include corporate infrastructure, application development, billing operations, and revenue assurance. His 19 years of experience in telecommunications and information technology include executive positions at Global Crossing, AT&T and Qwest (formerly US West). He has been the billing committee co-chair of the OBF (Ordering and Billing Forum), a national collective of industry experts who address access and interconnection issues as well as chair of Telecordia's Technical Review Group, responsible for the development of Carrier Access Billing Specifications (CABS). Mr. Wright is currently a member of the B/OSS Live! Conference and Businessplex advisory board. He has a bachelor of science degree in computer science from North Dakota State University.

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EXHIBIT C

Qualifications Affidavit

(Attached as separate pdf file)