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September 15, 1999

VIA AIRBORNE EXPRESS

Mr. Dale Roberts
Chief A.L.J./Executive Secretary
Missouri Public Service Commission
P.O. Box 360
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102

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Re: Ozark Telecom, Inc.

Missouri Public
Service Commission

Dear Mr. Roberts:

TA 2000-239

Enclosed please find an original and fourteen (14) copies of Ozark Telecom, Inc.'s Application for Certificate of Service Authority to Provide Interexchange Telecommunications Services Within the State of Missouri.

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.

Please note that this Application is being submitted by myself and Judith A. Rau, Esq., Missouri Counsel, Bar # 24856.

Respectfully submitted,


Lance J.M. Steinhart
Attorney for Ozark Telecom, Inc.

Enclosures

cc: Linda Walters
Office of Public Counsel

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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Service Commission

Case No. 722000-239

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

APPLICATION

Ozark Telecom, 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.
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:

Lance J.M. Steinhart, Esq.
6455 East Johns Crossing, Suite 285
Duluth, Georgia 30097
(770) 232-9200
(770) 232-9208 (Fax)

WHEREFORE, Applicant, Ozark Telecom, 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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Georgia Bar No. 678222

and



Judith A. Rau, Esq.
Rau & Rau
1007 Olive Street, 5th Floor
St. Louis, Missouri 63101
(314) 231-3323
Missouri Bar No. 24856

Attorneys for Applicant

ATTACHED EXHIBITS

Exhibit I	Missouri Secretary of State Authorization and Articles of Incorporation
Exhibit II	Executive Officers' Qualifications and Experience
Exhibit III	Financial Information
Exhibit IV	Draft Tariff

Exhibit I
Missouri Secretary of State Authorization
and
Articles of Incorporation

STATE OF MISSOURI



Rebecca McDowell Cook
Secretary of State

CORPORATION DIVISION - CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY

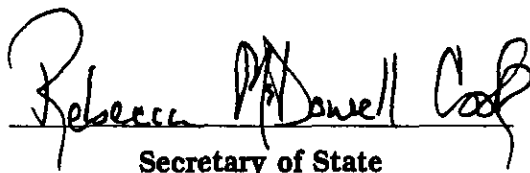
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OZARK TELECOM, INC.

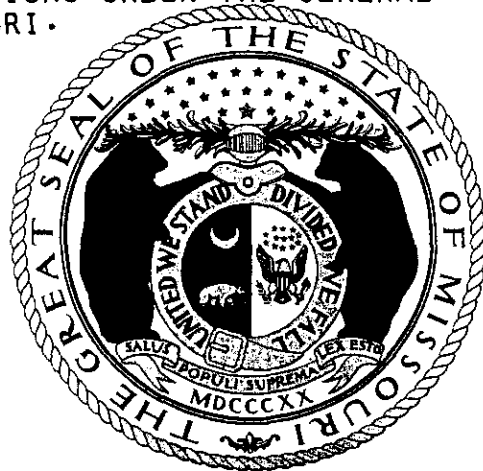
USING IN MISSOURI THE NAME
OZARK TELECOM OF ARKANSAS, INC.

HAS COMPLIED WITH THE GENERAL AND BUSINESS CORPORATION LAW WHICH GOVERNS FOREIGN CORPORATIONS; BY FILING IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE OF MISSOURI AUTHENTICATED EVIDENCE OF ITS INCORPORATION AND GOOD STANDING UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, REBECCA McDOWELL COOK, SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT SAID CORPORATION IS FROM THIS DATE DULY AUTHORIZED TO TRANSACT BUSINESS IN THIS STATE, AND IS ENTITLED TO ALL RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES GRANTED TO FOREIGN CORPORATIONS UNDER THE GENERAL AND BUSINESS CORPORATION LAW OF MISSOURI.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I HAVE SET MY HAND AND IMPRINTED THE GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, ON THIS, THE 31ST DAY OF AUGUST, 1999.


Secretary of State



\$155.00



Sharon Priest
SECRETARY OF STATE

State of Arkansas SECRETARY OF STATE



To All to Whom These Presents Shall Come, Greeting:

I, Sharon Priest, Secretary of State of the state of Arkansas, do hereby certify that the following and hereto attached instrument of writing is a true and perfect copy of

OZARK TELECOM, INC.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Official Seal. Done at my office in the City of Little Rock, Arkansas this 1st day of March 1999.

Sharon Priest

Sharon Priest, Secretary of State

by:

David Morrow

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Arkansas Secretary of State
Sharon Priest

State Capitol • Little Rock, Arkansas 72201-1094 • 501.682.1010

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SECRETARY OF STATE
STATE OF ARKANSAS

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Instructions: File in **DUPLICATE** with the Arkansas Secretary of State, State Capitol, Little Rock, Arkansas 72201-1094 with payment of fees. Duplicate copy will be returned to the Corporation at the listed address.

PLEASE TYPE OR CLEARLY PRINT IN INK

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

of
Ozark Telecom, Inc.

The undersigned acting as incorporators of a corporation under the Arkansas Business Corporation Act (Act 958 of 1987), adopt the following Articles of Incorporation of such Corporation:

First: The name of the Corporation is:
Ozark Telecom, Inc.

Must contain the words "Corporation," "Incorporated," "Company," "Limited," or the abbreviation "Corp., "Inc.," "Co." or Ltd. or words or abbreviations of like import in another language.

Second: The aggregate number of shares which the Corporation shall have the authority to issue is
100,000 share(s).

The designation of each class, the number of shares of each class, or a statement that the shares of any class are without par value, are as follow:

Number of Shares	Class	Series (if any)	Per Value Statement Without Par Value	Per Share That Shares Are	Or Statement That Shares Are
100,000	Common			\$.01	

Third: The initial registered office of this Corporation shall be located at
101 South Spring Street, Little Rock, AR 72201
and the name of the initial registered agent of this Corporation at that address is
National Registered Agents, Inc. of AR

Filing Fee \$50.00

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Fourth: The name and address of each Incorporator is as follows:

NAME

ADDRESS

Linda Walters

1115 Mill Street, Camden, SC 29020

Fifth: The nature of the business of the corporation and the object or purposes proposed to be transacted, promoted or carried on by it, are as follows:

(a) The primary purpose of the Corporation shall be telecommunications services

(b) To conduct any business enterprise not contrary to law.

(c) To exercise all of the powers enumerated in Section 4-27-302 of the Arkansas Business Corporation Act.

Sixth: EXECUTED this 12th day of February 19 99

Linda H. Walters
Signature

Linda Walters, President

Title (Pres., other officer, Chairman of the Board or by non-officer pending election of corporate officers)

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Exhibit II
Executive Officers' Qualifications and Experience

See attached Resumes

Resume Of:

Linda G. Walters
1201 Mill Street
Camden, SC 29020
(803) 425-4002 (Office)
(803) 424-0315 (Fax)
(803) 425-8200 (Home)

Education:

AAS, Data Processing, 1978, Midlands Technical College
AAS, Accounting, 1978, Midlands Technical College
Principles of Real Estate, I & II, S.C.I.R.E., 1991, 1992
S.C. Residential Homebuilders Course, SCIRE, 1993

Technical Proficiencies: Extensive applications experience in Accounting, Banking/Finance, and Telecommunications areas.

Experience:

3/94 - Present. President/CEO, NBSi, Camden, SC
Duties include sales and general management of firm involved in the sale and distribution of wholesale telecommunications products and distribution of vending machines, ATM machines, and POSA terminals. Firm currently employs approximately 20 people nationwide, and has a wholly owned subsidiary, Ozark Telecom, Inc., that is a wholesale provider of switched telecommunications services.

12/92 - 3/94. President / Gen Mgr., VMS, Inc., Camden, SC
duties included general management of firm involved in selling turn-key Point-of-Sales systems to small to medium sized businesses throughout the Carolinas. Also involved in providing systems consulting and troubleshooting services for various clients. Manage between 3-12 personnel, dependent upon project workload.

8/92-12/92. Account Executive, Coin Dealership Systems, Atlanta, Ga. Duties included sales, consulting and training services to automobile dealerships throughout S.C. Was top executive in sales region during second month of employment.
Reason for Leaving: Due to company-wide corporate re-structure and buy-out by a competing firm, all new hires were eliminated.

11/91-7/92, Account Executive/ VAR Specialist, Tandy Business Systems, Columbia, SC. Created new value-added reseller accounts throughout the U.S., as well as local and regional sales of PC-based point-of sales systems. Created three new national VAR accounts during the first quarter of employment. Reason for leaving: Due to the corporate restructure of parent company, TBS was closed, and a reduction in force for all employees of this division was enacted.

1989-11/91, Sales Manager, Micro Computer Depot, Inc., Responsible for managing all store functions in Columbia and Lugoff stores, supervising all sales personnel and handling purchasing functions for all locations. Reason for leaving: Desired more personal challenge and less hours.

1985-1989, President, Accu-Data Systems, Inc., Florence, SC Primarily involved in systems sales and consulting for small to medium sized banks, credit unions and other financial institutions. Projects usually lasted between 4-12 months, and involved training, setting up EDP and accounting audit procedures as well as the installation of software and hardware. Performed feasibility studies as needed, as well as recruiting personnel for highly specialized positions. Reason for leaving: Desired to relocate back to hometown due to family crisis.

1983-1985, Sales Manager, U.S. Shelter Corp., Computer Resources Div., Columbia, SC. Responsible for sales of computerized accounting services such as Payroll, General Ledger, Accounts Receivable and Payable, etc. Also set up and managed Contract Programming Division of company. Reason for Leaving: This division of the company was sold to a competitor.

1982-1983, Vice-President, American Computer Professionals, Inc., Columbia, SC. Responsibilities included sales of programming and related services to various companies throughout the eastern portion of the U.S. as well as the recruitment of personnel for same. Reason for leaving: Company was sold.

1979-1982, Sales Manager, Sanford Rose & Assoc., Columbia, SC Responsibilities included recruitment and placement of Data Processing personnel on both a temporary and permanent basis for companies throughout the United States. Developed training procedures for new account executives as well as developing several exclusive accounts. Reason for leaving: Company closed due to ill health of owner.

1978-1979, Computer Operator, CUAC, Columbia, SC. Responsibilities included operating both batch and on-line mini computers, and processing batch work for credit unions and other financial institutions. Reason for leaving: Left for more professional working environment and better position.

References: Available upon request

Exhibit III
Financial Information

WATEREE BUSINESS & TAX SERVICE INC
1071 HWY 1 SOUTH P O BOX 99
LUGOFF SC 29078
Tel: (803) 438-6161 Fax: (803) 438-4743

NATIONAL BANKCARD SERVICES INC

BALANCE SHEET
MARCH 31, 1999

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS:

Cash in Bank	\$ 71,500	
Accounts Receivable	477,402	
Merchandise Inventory	95,000	
Total Current Assets		\$ 643,902

FIXED ASSETS:

Machinery and Equipment	35,600	
Autos and Trucks	8,000	
Office Equipment	23,850	
Buildings	245,000	
Total Fixed Assets		312,450

OTHER ASSETS:

OZARK TELECOM	150,000	
OZARK TELECOM EQUIPMEN	127,500	
Total Other Assets		277,500

TOTAL ASSETS

\$ 1,233,852

LIABILITIES

CURRENT LIABILITIES:

Accounts Payable	\$ 335,000	
Taxes Accrued	2,650	
Loans Payable	63,000	
Federal Income Taxes	4,200	
LEGAL FEES OZARK TELE	48,000	
Total Current Liabilities		\$ 452,850

LONG TERM LIABILITIES:

Mortgage Payable	133,800	
Total Long Term Liabilities		133,800

TOTAL LIABILITIES

586,650

EQUITY

Common Stock	15,000	
Retained Earnings	390,049	
OZARK TELECOM	13,421	
Year to Date Earnings	228,732	
Total Equity		647,202

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY

\$ 1,233,852

This information is the representation of management. This statement has not been audited or reviewed and we do not express an opinion or any other form of assurance on it.

FROM : NBSI Have a great day!

PHONE NO. : 8034240315

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NATIONAL BANKCARD SERVICES INC

STATEMENT OF INCOME
JANUARY 1 - MARCH 31, 1999

Income:		
Gross Sales	\$ 449,113	
Gross Income		\$ 449,113
Cost of Goods Sold:		
Beginning Inventory	157,280	
Purchases	73,316	
Ending Inventory	95,000	
Cost of Goods Sold		<u>135,596</u>
Gross Profit		313,517
Operating Expenses:		
Advertising	6,883	
Bank Charges	100	
Commissions	5,995	
Delivery	1,214	
Insurance	3,646	
Office Expense	4,234	
Outside Services	2,790	
Rent	1,200	
Salaries	38,185	
Taxes-Payroll	3,999	
Telephone	2,908	
Travel	12,601	
Utilities	1,030	
Total Operating Expenses		<u>84,785</u>
Net Income (Loss)		<u>228,732</u>

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Exhibit IV
Draft Tariff

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF KERSHAW

VERIFICATION

I, Linda Walters, being duly sworn, declare that I am the President of Ozark Telecom, Inc., the Applicant. I verify that, based upon information and belief, I have knowledge of the statements in the foregoing Application, and I declare that they are true and correct.


Linda Walters

Sworn to before me, the undersigned Notary Public on this 25th day of March, 1999.


Notary Public

Pamela T Stroud
Print or Type Name

My commission expires:

9/20/2000

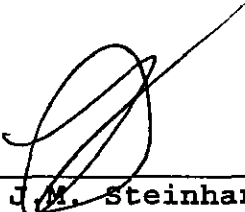
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ENTRY OF APPEARANCE

COMES NOW Lance J. M. Steinhart, Attorney at Law and pursuant to rule 4 CSR 240-2.040 herewith files his Entry of Appearance on behalf of Applicant Ozark Telecom, Inc., in connection with the above-styled proceeding. With respect to his entry, Mr. Steinhart hereby advises the Commission that he is a member in good standing of the State Bar of Georgia and the New York State Bar and is admitted to practice before District Courts. He also is on inactive status with the State Bar of Maryland. Neither the undersigned nor any member of his firm is disqualified to appear in any court. I also hereby designate Judith A. Rau, of the law firm of Rau & Rau, 1007 Olive Street, Fifth floor, St. Louis, Missouri 63101 to serve as our local Missouri counsel in this matter.



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COMES NOW Judith A. Rau of the law firm Rau & Rau, and
pursuant to rule 4 CSR 240-2.040, herewith files her Entry of
Appearance as local Missouri counsel on behalf of Applicant Ozark
Telecom, Inc., in connection with the above-styled proceeding.



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