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Missouri Public Service Commission Attn: Secretary of the Commission 200 Madison Street, Suite 100 P. O. Box 360 Jefferson City, MO 65102-0360.

Missouri Public Service Commission

RE:

Case No.

Application of Metro Teleconnect Companies, Inc. for Interexchange Telecommunications Service Authority and Initial Interexchange Services Tariff, MO P.S.C. No. 2

Dear Secretary:

Enclosed for filing with the Commission you will find an original and 5 copies of the **Application** of Metro Teleconnect Companies, Inc. for Interexchange Telecommunications Service Authority for filing with the Commission. Also, an original and 5 copies of the **initial Interexchange tariff** (Mo. P.S.C. No. 2) of Metro Teleconnect Companies, Inc., are provided herewith.

Thank you for assistance in the processing this filing. A copy is being served on the General Counsel and Public Counsel. Please contact me at 634-8109 if there are any questions.

Sincerely,

Mary Ann (Garr) Young

Enclosures

CC:

General Counsel

Office of Public Counsel Susan Hafeli, Shaw Pittman



BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the matter of the Application of Metro Teleconnect Companies, Inc. for a Certificate of Service Authority to Provide Intrastate Interexchange Telecommunications Services in the State of Missouri and for competitive classification.

APPLICATION

Metro Teleconnect Companies, Inc. ("Applicant" or "Metro Teleconnect"), a

Pennsylvania corporation, files this verified Application respectfully requesting the

Missouri Public Service Commission (the "Commission") to issue an order:

- granting Applicant a Certificate of Service Authority to provide interexchange telecommunications services pursuant to Chapter 392 of the Missouri Revised Statutes (hereinafter "RSMo");
- (b) granting competitive status to Applicant; and
- (c) waiving certain Commission rules and statutory provisions pursuant to Section 392.420, RSMo.

In support of its request, Applicant provides the following information:

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

Metro Teleconnect Companies, Inc.

2150 Herr Street

Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17103

Telephone: (717) 564-0603 Facsimile: (717) 564-9429 Toll Free: (800) 695-6955

Applicant is currently providing basic local telecommunications services in Missouri

pursuant to authority granted by this Commission in Case No. TA-2002-46, on October 25, 2001. A copy of Applicant's Certificate of Authority to do Business in the State of Missouri was filed in Case No. TA-2002-46, and is incorporated herein by reference pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.080(1)(G). The information therein remains correct and current.

2. The name and address of Applicant's attorneys are:

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- 3. Applicant requests authority to provide resold long distance services, including switched inbound and outbound services to residential customers who will subscribe to these services. Service will be available on full time basis, twenty-four hours per day, seven days per week, throughout the State of Missouri. Applicant will not provide private line services. Applicant will bill for its own services.
 - 4. Applicant does not intend to own any facilities in Missouri but will lease

transmission facilities from other long distance carriers and purchase access services from local exchange carriers.

- 5. Applicant possesses adequate financial resources to provide the interexchange telecommunications services proposed herein.
- 6. Applicant is an experienced provider of telecommunications services and possesses the managerial capability necessary to provide services in Missouri.

 Applicant's Missouri operations will be managed by its existing team of professional, operational, and technical personnel.
- 7. Applicant's proposed tariff containing the rules and regulations applicable to its customers, a description of the services offered, and a list of rates associated with such services is being filed simultaneously with this application, and bears a 45-day effective date as required by 4 CSR 240-3.510(1)(C).
- 8. Applicant will not unjustly discriminate among its customers, which is prohibited pursuant to Section 392.200 RSMo.
- 9. There are no pending actions or final unsatisfied judgments or decisions against Applicant 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 the application.
- 10. Applicant has timely filed with the State of Missouri its annual reports and timely paid its assessment fees. No annual reports or assessment fees are overdue.
- 11. Applicant petitions the Commission for classification as a competitive telecommunications carrier offering competitive telecommunications services.

Applicant asserts that its proposed services will be subject to sufficient competition to justify a lesser degree of regulation. Applicant requests that the Commission accordingly designate it as a competitive provider of interexchange telecommunications services. Grant of this request will allow greater price and service options for telephone users.

12. Consistent with Applicant's status as a competitive telecommunications carrier and pursuant to Section 392.420 RSMo, Applicant requests that the Commission waive the following rules and statutory provisions as they relate to the regulation of Applicant:

<u>Statutes</u>

392.2	210.2	-	Uniform System of Accounts
392.	240(1)	-	Just and Reasonable Rates
392.	270	-	Ascertain Property Values
392.	280	-	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	-	Reorganizations
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Commission Rules

4 CSR 240 – 3.545(2)(C)	-	Posting of Rate Schedules at Central Office
4 CSR 240 - 10.020	-	Depreciation on Fund Income
4 CSR 240 - 30.040	-	Uniform System of Accounts
4 CSR 240 - 33.030	-	Inform Customers of Lowest Price
7 0011 240 - 33.030	-	ILLIOHIL CASTOLLICIS OF FOMEST LLICE

The Commission has granted waivers of each of these rules to other similarlysituated carriers. Notwithstanding its request for waiver of the above rules, Applicant agrees to follow the rules and regulations of the Commission and any terms and conditions which the Commission may reasonably impose.

- 13. Applicant, pursuant to Section 386.570, will comply with all applicable Commission rules except those which are specifically waived by the Commission pursuant to a request filed by the Applicant.
- 14. Applicant seeks to provide long distance telecommunications services to customers in the State of Missouri. By obtaining a Certificate of Service Authority, Applicant will be able to provide economic, efficient and high quality telephone services using existing facilities. The Applicant will also bring the benefits of increased competition to Missouri telecommunications users, including competitive prices, additional service options and high service quality.

CONCLUSION

WHEREFORE, Metro Teleconnect Companies, Inc. respectfully requests that this Application for a Certificate of Service Authority to provide intrastate interexchange services throughout the state of Missouri be granted. Applicant also requests classification as a competitive telecommunications company. In addition, Applicant requests a waiver of the above-referenced rules and statutory provisions, and for such further orders as the Commission deems appropriate.

Respectfully submitted

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Dated: 1/3/03

<u>AFFIDAVIT</u>

I, Chad Hazam, being duly sworn according to law, depose and say that I am the President of Metro Teleconnect Companies, Inc.; that I am authorized to and do make this Affidavit for it; and that the facts set forth in the above Application are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief and that I expect Metro Teleconnect Companies, Inc. to be able to prove the same at any hearing hereof.

Chad Hazam

President

Metro Teleconnect Companies, Inc.

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Member, Pennsylvania Association of Notaries

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