

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the matter of the Application of)
Ellington Telephone Company for)
Authority to borrow an amount not to)
exceed \$3,000,000 from CoBank under)
a Twelve (12) Year Secured Credit)
Facility and in connection therewith)
to execute a lien and security interest.)

Case No. _____

APPLICATION

Comes now Ellington Telephone Company, Inc. (hereinafter "Applicant") and, pursuant to Sections 392.290, 392.300 and 392.310, RSMo 2000, and 4 CSR 240-3.530, states to the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") as follows:

1. Applicant is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Missouri and is in good standing in all respects. A Certificate of Good Standing from the Missouri Secretary of State is marked as Appendix 1 attached hereto and made a part hereof for all purposes. Applicant's headquarters and principal place of business is located at 200 College Ave., Ellington, Missouri 63638. Applicant is subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission and is engaged generally in providing telecommunications service to customers in five (5) exchanges located in the Missouri counties of Reynolds and Shannon, as shown by its exchange area maps on file with and approved by the Commission. Applicant's telephone number is (573) 663-2000, its fax number is (573) 663-2255, and it can be reached by e-mail at dmccormack@mcmo.net.

2. All communications with respect to this Application and this proceeding should be directed to:

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3. Applicant proposes to borrow certain sums, not to exceed \$3,000,000, through a 12-year secured credit facility from CoBank, ACB ("CoBank") in order to fund various capital improvements, finance operating needs, make an investment in a wireless venture, and for general corporate purposes. CoBank is part of the Farm Credit System, which is a nationwide financial cooperative that lends money and provides financial services to agriculture and rural America.

4. The borrowing referred to in paragraph three (3) will be used by Applicant for "the acquisition of property, the construction, completion, extension or improvement of its facilities [and] the improvement or maintenance of its service within the state, or for the discharge or lawful refunding of its obligations, or reimbursement of moneys

actually expended from the income from any source” as described in §392.310 RSMo. 2000.

5. Applicant proposes to enter into a secured credit facility substantially in the form of a Master Loan Agreement and First Supplement to the Master Loan Agreement that will be provided as a late-filed exhibit. A summary of the terms of this Agreement is marked as Appendix 2.

6. In connection with this borrowing, and in compliance with the CoBank secured credit facility as set out in the Master Loan Agreement and First Supplement to the Master Loan Agreement, Applicant proposes to execute and deliver the Promissory Note that will be provided as a late-filed exhibit.

7. As security for the loan, Applicant proposes to execute and deliver a mortgage, security agreement, and financing statement substantially in the form of the Real Estate Deed of Trust and Security Agreement that will be provided as a late-filed exhibit.

8. Marked Appendix 3 and attached hereto and made a part hereof for all purposes, is an original certified copy of the Resolution of the Board of Directors of Ellington Telephone Company, which approves the making of the loan, the execution of the promissory notes, and related transactions.

9. Marked Appendix 4 and attached hereto and made a part hereof for all purposes is a pro forma balance sheet and pro forma income statement of Applicant showing the effect of the proposed financing.

10. Marked Appendix 5 and attached hereto and made a part hereof for all purposes is a capitalization expenditure schedule for the prior five (5) years, as required by §392.310 RSMo. 2000.

11. No portion of the proceeds of the loan will be used for the purpose of guaranteeing, taking over, refunding, discharging, or retiring existing indebtedness; therefore, the entire proceeds of the loan will be subject to the fee schedule as set forth in §386.300 RSMo. 2000.

12. Applicant has no pending action or final unsatisfied judgment 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. Applicant does not have any annual reports or assessment fees which are overdue.

WHEREFORE, Applicant prays this Commission enter its order:

A. Approving and authorizing the transactions as set forth in this Application and authorizing Applicant to:

1. Borrow from CoBank an amount not to exceed \$ 3,000,000 substantially in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Master Loan Agreement and First Supplement to the Master Loan Agreement that will be provided as a late-filed exhibit.
2. Execute and deliver a promissory note evidencing the loan, substantially in the form of the Promissory Note that will be provided as a late-filed exhibit.
3. Execute and deliver a mortgage, security agreement and financing statement for the purpose of placing a lien on its assets and securing the loan substantially in the form of the Real Estate Deed of Trust and Security Agreement that will be provided as a late-filed exhibit.
3. Do and perform or cause to be done and performed all such other acts and things, as well as to make, execute and deliver any and all documents as may be necessary, advisable or proper to the end that the intent and purposes of this financing may be fully effectuated;

B. Finding that the money, property and labor to be procured by said

transaction is reasonably required for the purposes specified above, and that no part of the proceeds shall be reasonably chargeable to operating expenses or to income; and,

C. Granting such further relief in this matter as the Commission may deem necessary.

Respectfully submitted,

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Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing document was sent by electronic transmission, hand-delivered or mailed, United States Mail, postage prepaid, this 10th day of March, 2008 to:

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