

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

In the Matter of the Application of)
Adams TelSystems, Inc., for)
Certificate of Service Authority to Provide)
Basic Local Exchange, Non-Switched Local) Case No. LA-2016-0014
Exchange and Interexchange)
Telecommunications Services in the)
State of Missouri and to Classify Said)
Services and the Company as Competitive)

APPLICATION

COMES NOW Adams TelSystems, Inc. (“Applicant” or “Adams”), by its undersigned counsel, 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, 4 CSR 240-2.060 and 4 CSR 240-3.510, and files this verified Application requesting that the Missouri Public Service Commission (hereinafter, “the Commission”) issue an order that:

- (a) grants Applicant certificate of service authority to provide basic local exchange, non-switched local exchange and interexchange telecommunications services, pursuant to Chapter 392, RSMo;
- (b) grants competitive status to Applicant and Applicant's requested services; and
- (c) waives certain Commission rules and statutory provisions pursuant to Sections 392.420, 392.361 and 392.245.5(8), RSMo, consistent with the Commission's past treatment of other certificated providers of competitive telecommunications services.

In support of its Application, Adams states as follows:

1. Adams TelSystems, Inc. is a corporation duly organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Illinois, and is duly authorized to conduct business in Missouri. The nature of Applicant's business is telecommunications. Applicant's principal place of business is 405 Emminga Road, P.O.Box 99, Golden, Illinois (IL) 62339. Its telephone number is 217-696-4611 and its toll-free customer service number is 877-696-4611. 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, is attached hereto as **Exhibit A**.

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

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3. By this Application, Adams TelSystems requests a certificate of service authority to provide competitive basic local exchange services to business customers throughout all exchanges in the state of Missouri of all incumbent local exchange companies (ILECs). Adams' proposed service areas will follow the respective exchange boundaries of each incumbent LEC and shall be no smaller than an exchange as required by Section 392.455(3), RSMo.

4. Pursuant to this Application, Adams seeks authority to offer and provide all forms of facilities-based local telecommunications service to business customers within Missouri as defined in 386.020(4), RSMo.

5. By this Application, Adams also requests a certificate of service authority to provide competitive intrastate interexchange and non-switched local exchange (dedicated private line) telecommunications services throughout the state of Missouri. Adams' interexchange and non-switched local exchange tariff will be posted on the Company's website.

6. Applicant possesses the technical and managerial resources and abilities necessary to provide the services it proposes as required by Section 392.455(1), RSMo.

Information concerning Applicant's principal management employees and their qualifications is attached hereto and incorporated herein as **Exhibit B**.

7. 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. Attached to this Application as **Exhibit C** is the affidavit of a corporate officer attesting to the resources and abilities of Applicant.

8. Adams seeks classification of itself and its services as competitive, with accompanying reduced regulation pursuant to Sections 392.361 and 392.245.5(8), 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.

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

10. Applicant is willing to, and will, comply with all applicable Commission rules. Consistent with the Commission's treatment of other certificated competitive local exchange telecommunications companies, Applicant requests that the Commission grant Staff's recommended waivers of statutes and regulations.

11. 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. Contemporaneously with this Application, Applicant is filing a proposed access services tariff with a forty-five (45) day effective date. The Company will post its basic local, non-switched local exchange and interexchange services tariff on its website after this application is approved.

12. 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.

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

14. Adams has no annual report or assessment fees that are overdue.

15. Adams TelSystems will undertake all necessary measures to ensure its contracts with other carriers do not contain provisions preventing delivery of traffic to any telephone exchange area. Such measures include, but are not limited, to: (i) prevention of call blocking and/or call gapping based on the cost of traffic termination; (ii) preventing the alteration or stripping of Calling Party Number Identification; and (iii) ensuring sufficient network capacity exists to process all traffic according to industry accepted practices.

WHEREFORE, Applicant, Adams TelSystems, Inc., respectfully requests that the Commission grant it certificate 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, grant the waivers of statutes and regulations recommended by Staff and approve the access services tariff being filed contemporaneously with this Application.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: July 13, 2015

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I do hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document has been served electronically on the Staff Counsel's office at staffcounsel@psc.mo.gov, and the Office of Public Counsel at opc@ded.mo.gov, this 13th day of July 2015.

/s/ William D. Steinmeier

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VERIFICATION

(Filed as a separate pdf document)

ADAMS TELSYSTEMS, INC.

EXHIBIT A

Certificate of Authority
from
Missouri Secretary of State

(Filed as a separate pdf document)

ADAMS TELSYSTEMS, INC.

EXHIBIT B

Profiles of Key Management Employees

(Filed as a separate pdf document)

ADAMS TELSYSTEMS, INC.

EXHIBIT C

Financial Affidavit

(Filed as a separate pdf document)