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**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT
SFN 2053 (4-2002)**

PU-2273-00-188

**Advanced TelCom, Inc.
Long Distance/Local Exchange Reseller
Public Convenience & Nece
Filed 4/20/2000**

Closed 7/6/2000

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Scott, Sandi L.

From: Bauske, Shelly A.
Sent: Tuesday, January 16, 2001 10:34 AM
To: Geiger, Gloria A.; Scott, Sandi L.
Subject: Money Received.....

Case No. PU-2273-00-188
Advanced TelCom Group, Inc.
\$254.37

Case No. PU-2376-00-413
CCCND, Inc. (Check from Connect Communications Corporation)
\$156.46

Case No. PU-2404-00-513
Qwest
\$95.21

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Qwest
\$95.21

Case Nos. PU-314-99-419 and PU-314-99-420
Qwest
\$921.95

Case No. PU-314-99-119
Qwest
\$3,533.24

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\$254.37 received
by Qwest Corporation
01/16/2001

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APPROVED
DATE: 9-20-00
KMF

MOTION

September 20, 2000

Advanced TelCom Group, Inc.
Local / Interexchange
Public Convenience & Necessity

PU-2273-00-188

I move the Commission bill Advanced TelCom Group, Inc. for costs incurred to date in Case No. PU-2273-00-188, Advanced TelCom Group, Inc., Local / Interexchange, Public Convenience & Necessity.



Public Service Commission

State of North Dakota

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September 20, 2000

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Jon H. Mielke

Lance Steinhart
6455 E Johns Crossing Ste 285
Duluth GA 30097

RE: Case No. PU-2273-00-188
Advanced TelCom Group, Inc.
Local / Interexchange
Public Convenience & Necessity

Enclosed is a copy of the statement approved at the September 20, 2000 Public Service Commission meeting for the expenses incurred to date in Case No. PU-2273-00-188.

Under N.D.C.C. 49-21-01.7, these expenses are billed through the Valuation Fund and must be paid for by the telecommunications company involved.

Please make your check payable to the Public Service Commission.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gloria Geiger".

Gloria Geiger
Administrative Assistant
701-328-2401
Federal Tax ID 45-0309764

Enc.

Billing Statement

September 20, 2000

Advanced TelCom Group, Inc.
Local / Interexchange
Public Convenience & Necessity

PU-2273-00-188

Expenses Incurred to Date:

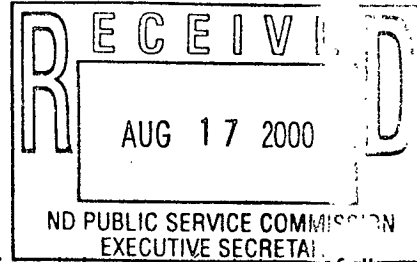
Advertising Costs	\$254.37
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Amount Due:

Advanced TelCom Group, Inc	\$254.37
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Affidavit of Publication

State of North Dakota)
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County of Burleigh)



Laurie Thiel , being duly sworn, state as follows:

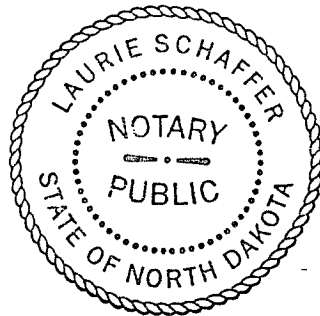
1. I am the designated agent, under the provisions and for the purposes of, Section 31-04-06, NDCC, for the newspapers listed on the attached exhibits.
2. The newspapers listed on the exhibits published the advertisement of:
Advanced Telecom Group , 1 time(s)
as required by law or ordinance.
3. All of the listed newspapers are legal newspapers in the State of North Dakota and, under the provisions of Section 46-05-01, NDCC, are qualified to publish any public notice or any matter required by law or ordinance to be printed or published in a newspaper in North Dakota.

Signed: Laurie Thiel

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15th day of August A.D. 2000

Laurie Schaffer

LAURIE SCHAFFER
Notary Public, STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
My Commission Expires DEC. 1, 2005



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Affidavit of Publication

by North Dakota Advertising Service, Inc.

08/17/2000

CC: Comm Legal PUD (3)

Case# PU -2273-00-188
Notice of Opportunity For Hearing
May 10, 2000

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Walperton	5-17
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STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Advanced TelCom Group, Inc.
Local Exchange/Interexchange
Public Convenience & Necessity

Case No. PU-2273-00-188

AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE BY CERTIFIED MAIL

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
COUNTY OF BURLEIGH

Sharon Helbling deposes and says that:

she is over the age of 18 years and not a party to this action and, on the **7th day of July , 2000**, she deposited in the United States Mail, Bismarck, North Dakota, **one** envelope with certified postage, return receipt requested, fully prepaid, securely sealed and each containing a photocopy of:

Order

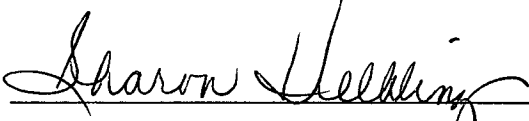
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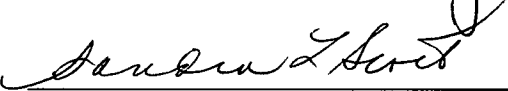
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6455 East Johns Crossing Ste 285
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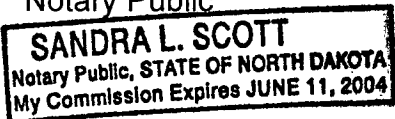
Each address shown is the respective addressee's last reasonably ascertainable post office address.

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this **7th day of July , 2000**.

SEAL





Notary Public




Public Service Commission
State of North Dakota

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July 7, 2000

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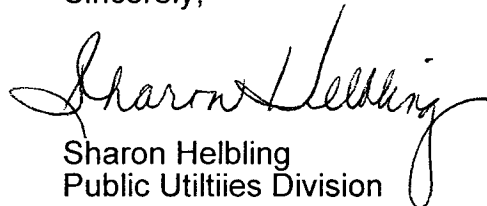
Dear Mr. Steinhart:

On July 6, 2000, the Commission issued Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity to Advanced TelCom Group, Inc. to provide facilities-based local exchange services in all North Dakota exchanges presently served by U S WEST, and to provide facilities-based interexchange telecommunications services in North Dakota, Case No. PU-2273-00-188. The certificates are enclosed.

The Commission maintains a mailing list of telecommunications companies to which we mail notices relating to telecommunications issues. These notices are also published on the web site for your review ([HTTP://PC6.PSC.STATE.ND.US](http://PC6.PSC.STATE.ND.US) or [HTTP://WWW.STATE.ND.US](http://WWW.STATE.ND.US) (under "North Dakota State Government)).

In an effort to cut down on printing and mailing costs, I will **not** add this company to that list unless you request that I do so. You can contact me at 701-328-4076, FAX 701-328-2410, E-Mail msmail.sdh@oracle.psc.state.nd.us, or write.

Sincerely,


Sharon Helbling
Public Utilities Division

sdh

Enclosure

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07/07/2000

Public Service Commission

Letter re approval

CC: Comm Legal PUD (3)

APPROVED:

DATE:

7-6-00

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MOTION

July 6, 2000

**Advanced TelCom Group, Inc.
Local Exchange/Interexchange
Public Convenience and Necessity**

Case No. PU-2273-00-188

I move the Commission adopt the Order and issue certificates of public convenience and necessity to Advanced TelCom Group, Inc. to provide local exchange telecommunications services in all locations currently served by U S WEST Communications, Inc., and interexchange telecommunications services throughout North Dakota, Case No. PU-2273-00-188.

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STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

**Advanced TelCom Group, Inc.
Local Exchange/Interexchange
Public Convenience and Necessity**

Case No. PU-2273-00-188

ORDER

July 6, 2000

On April 20, 2000, Advanced TelCom Group, Inc. (ATGI), a Delaware Corporation, filed an application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to provide facilities-based local exchange telecommunications services in all locations currently served by U S WEST Communications, Inc., and interexchange telecommunications services throughout North Dakota.

On May 10, 2000, the Commission issued a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing, which provided until June 30, 2000 for receiving comments or hearing requests. No requests for hearing were received. The notice indicated the following issues to be considered in this matter:

1. Fitness and ability of the applicant to provide service.
2. Adequacy of the proposed service.
3. The technical, financial and managerial ability of the applicant to provide service.

On May 15, 2000, the Rural Telephone Company Group filed Comments that were withdrawn on May 16, 2000.

Also on May 15, 2000, the Public Service Commission's Director of Accounting filed a memorandum indicating that ATGI has the financial ability to provide telecommunications service.

ATGI has been authorized to provide facilities-based telecommunications service in several states. ATGI indicates that its management and key personnel have extensive telecommunications operational experience and technical expertise. The Commission finds ATGI is fit, able, and has the technical, financial and managerial ability to provide service.

ATGI intends to provide switched and non-switched local services, centrex type services, data services, ancillary services as well as switched and dedicated

interexchange services including dial around. The Commission finds ATGI's proposed service is adequate.

Order

The Commission Orders:

1. The application of Advanced TelCom Group, Inc. for certificates of public convenience and necessity to provide competitive facilities-based local exchange services in all locations currently served by U S WEST Communications, Inc., and interexchange telecommunications services throughout North Dakota is GRANTED.
2. ATGI's certificates of public convenience and necessity shall require that it secure such approval from the local governing entity as required by state and federal law prior to providing service in any local territory.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

		
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Susan E. Wefald Commissioner	Bruce Hagen President	Leo M. Reinbold Commissioner

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity

Certificate Number 4428

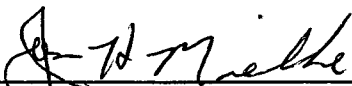
This is to certify that public convenience and necessity require, and permission is granted for Advanced TelCom Group, Inc., a telecommunications public utility, to provide local exchange telecommunications services inside the Alexander, North Dakota local exchange area.

This certificate is issued in Case No. PU-2273-00-188 and is conditioned upon Advanced TelCom Group, Inc. securing the franchise or other authority of the proper municipal or other public authority for the exercise of these rights and privileges, and other conditions and limitations noted in the Order dated July 6, 2000.

Bismarck, North Dakota, July 6, 2000.

ATTEST:

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


Executive Secretary


Commissioner

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity

Certificate Number 4429

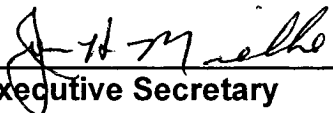
This is to certify that public convenience and necessity require, and permission is granted for Advanced TelCom Group, Inc., a telecommunications public utility, to provide local exchange telecommunications services inside the Belfield, North Dakota local exchange area.

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Bismarck, North Dakota, July 6, 2000.

ATTEST:

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


Executive Secretary


Commissioner

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity

Certificate Number 4430

This is to certify that public convenience and necessity require, and permission is granted for Advanced TelCom Group, Inc., a telecommunications public utility, to provide local exchange telecommunications services inside the Bismarck, North Dakota local exchange area.

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Bismarck, North Dakota, July 6, 2000.

ATTEST:

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


Executive Secretary


Commissioner

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity

Certificate Number 4431

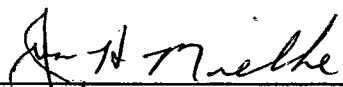
This is to certify that public convenience and necessity require, and permission is granted for Advanced TelCom Group, Inc., a telecommunications public utility, to provide local exchange telecommunications services inside the Casselton, North Dakota local exchange area.

This certificate is issued in Case No. PU-2273-00-188 and is conditioned upon Advanced TelCom Group, Inc. securing the franchise or other authority of the proper municipal or other public authority for the exercise of these rights and privileges, and other conditions and limitations noted in the Order dated July 6, 2000.

Bismarck, North Dakota, July 6, 2000.

ATTEST:

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


Executive Secretary


Commissioner

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity

Certificate Number 4432

This is to certify that public convenience and necessity require, and permission is granted for Advanced TelCom Group, Inc., a telecommunications public utility, to provide local exchange telecommunications services inside the Dickinson, North Dakota local exchange area.

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Bismarck, North Dakota, July 6, 2000.

ATTEST:

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Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity

Certificate Number 4433

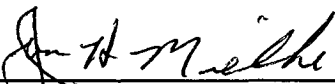
This is to certify that public convenience and necessity require, and permission is granted for Advanced TelCom Group, Inc., a telecommunications public utility, to provide local exchange telecommunications services inside the Emerado, North Dakota local exchange area.

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Bismarck, North Dakota, July 6, 2000.

ATTEST:

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


Executive Secretary


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STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity

Certificate Number 4434


This is to certify that public convenience and necessity require, and permission is granted for Advanced TelCom Group, Inc., a telecommunications public utility, to provide local exchange telecommunications services inside the Fairmount, North Dakota local exchange area.

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Bismarck, North Dakota, July 6, 2000.

ATTEST:

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


Executive Secretary


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STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity

Certificate Number 4435

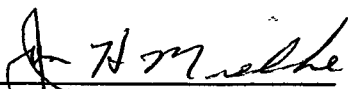
This is to certify that public convenience and necessity require, and permission is granted for Advanced TelCom Group, Inc., a telecommunications public utility, to provide local exchange telecommunications services inside the Fargo, North Dakota local exchange area.

This certificate is issued in Case No. PU-2273-00-188 and is conditioned upon Advanced TelCom Group, Inc. securing the franchise or other authority of the proper municipal or other public authority for the exercise of these rights and privileges, and other conditions and limitations noted in the Order dated July 6, 2000.

Bismarck, North Dakota, July 6, 2000.

ATTEST:

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STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity

Certificate Number 4436

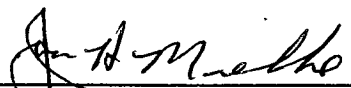
This is to certify that public convenience and necessity require, and permission is granted for Advanced TelCom Group, Inc., a telecommunications public utility, to provide local exchange telecommunications services inside the Gardner, North Dakota local exchange area.

This certificate is issued in Case No. PU-2273-00-188 and is conditioned upon Advanced TelCom Group, Inc. securing the franchise or other authority of the proper municipal or other public authority for the exercise of these rights and privileges, and other conditions and limitations noted in the Order dated July 6, 2000.

Bismarck, North Dakota, July 6, 2000.

ATTEST:

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


Executive Secretary


Commissioner

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity

Certificate Number 4437

This is to certify that public convenience and necessity require, and permission is granted for Advanced TelCom Group, Inc., a telecommunications public utility, to provide local exchange telecommunications services inside the Grafton, North Dakota local exchange area.

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Bismarck, North Dakota, July 6, 2000.

ATTEST:

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


Executive Secretary


Commissioner

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity

Certificate Number 4438

This is to certify that public convenience and necessity require, and permission is granted for Advanced TelCom Group, Inc., a telecommunications public utility, to provide local exchange telecommunications services inside the Grand Forks, North Dakota local exchange area.

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Bismarck, North Dakota, July 6, 2000.

ATTEST:

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


Executive Secretary


Commissioner

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity

Certificate Number 4439

This is to certify that public convenience and necessity require, and permission is granted for Advanced TelCom Group, Inc., a telecommunications public utility, to provide local exchange telecommunications services inside the Gwinner, North Dakota local exchange area.

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Bismarck, North Dakota, July 6, 2000.

ATTEST:

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Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity

Certificate Number 4440

This is to certify that public convenience and necessity require, and permission is granted for Advanced TelCom Group, Inc., a telecommunications public utility, to provide local exchange telecommunications services inside the Hatton, North Dakota local exchange area.

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Bismarck, North Dakota, July 6, 2000.

ATTEST:

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


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Certificate Number 4441

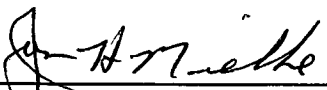
This is to certify that public convenience and necessity require, and permission is granted for Advanced TelCom Group, Inc., a telecommunications public utility, to provide local exchange telecommunications services inside Hillsboro, North Dakota local exchange area.

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Bismarck, North Dakota, July 6, 2000.

ATTEST:

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Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity

Certificate Number 4442

This is to certify that public convenience and necessity require, and permission is granted for Advanced TelCom Group, Inc., a telecommunications public utility, to provide local exchange telecommunications services inside the Jamestown, North Dakota local exchange area.

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Bismarck, North Dakota, July 6, 2000.

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Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity

Certificate Number 4443

This is to certify that public convenience and necessity require, and permission is granted for Advanced TelCom Group, Inc., a telecommunications public utility, to provide local exchange telecommunications services inside the Kindred, North Dakota local exchange area.

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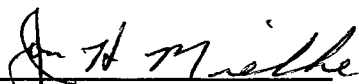
This is to certify that public convenience and necessity require, and permission is granted for Advanced TelCom Group, Inc., a telecommunications public utility, to provide local exchange telecommunications services inside the Larimore, North Dakota local exchange area.

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Bismarck, North Dakota, July 6, 2000.

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STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity

Certificate Number 4445

This is to certify that public convenience and necessity require, and permission is granted for Advanced TelCom Group, Inc., a telecommunications public utility, to provide local exchange telecommunications services inside the Leonard, North Dakota local exchange area.

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Bismarck, North Dakota, July 6, 2000.

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STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity

Certificate Number 4446

This is to certify that public convenience and necessity require, and permission is granted for Advanced TelCom Group, Inc., a telecommunications public utility, to provide local exchange telecommunications services inside the Lisbon, North Dakota local exchange area.

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Bismarck, North Dakota, July 6, 2000.

ATTEST:

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Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity

Certificate Number 4447

This is to certify that public convenience and necessity require, and permission is granted for Advanced TelCom Group, Inc., a telecommunications public utility, to provide local exchange telecommunications services inside the Mandan, North Dakota local exchange area.

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Certificate Number 4448

This is to certify that public convenience and necessity require, and permission is granted for Advanced TelCom Group, Inc., a telecommunications public utility, to provide local exchange telecommunications services inside the Manvel, North Dakota local exchange area.

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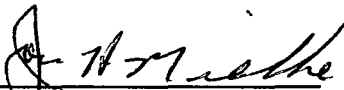
This is to certify that public convenience and necessity require, and permission is granted for Advanced TelCom Group, Inc., a telecommunications public utility, to provide local exchange telecommunications services inside the Mayville, North Dakota local exchange area.

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ATTEST:

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STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity

Certificate Number 4450

This is to certify that public convenience and necessity require, and permission is granted for Advanced TelCom Group, Inc., a telecommunications public utility, to provide local exchange telecommunications services inside the Minto, North Dakota local exchange area.

This certificate is issued in Case No. PU-2273-00-188 and is conditioned upon Advanced TelCom Group, Inc. securing the franchise or other authority of the proper municipal or other public authority for the exercise of these rights and privileges, and other conditions and limitations noted in the Order dated July 6, 2000.

Bismarck, North Dakota, July 6, 2000.

ATTEST:

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Executive Secretary


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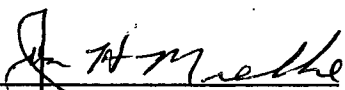
This is to certify that public convenience and necessity require, and permission is granted for Advanced TelCom Group, Inc., a telecommunications public utility, to provide local exchange telecommunications services inside the Northwood, North Dakota local exchange area.

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Bismarck, North Dakota, July 6, 2000.

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Certificate Number 4452

This is to certify that public convenience and necessity require, and permission is granted for Advanced TelCom Group, Inc., a telecommunications public utility, to provide local exchange telecommunications services inside the Pembina, North Dakota local exchange area.

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Bismarck, North Dakota, July 6, 2000.

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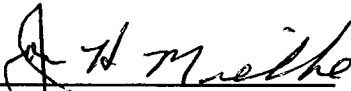
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Bismarck, North Dakota, July 6, 2000.

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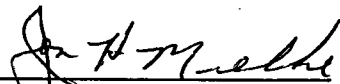
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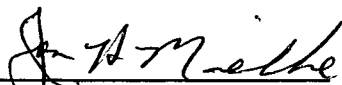
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Bismarck, North Dakota, July 6, 2000.

ATTEST:

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This is to certify that public convenience and necessity require, and permission is granted for Advanced TelCom Group, Inc., a telecommunications public utility, to provide local exchange telecommunications services inside the Wahpeton, North Dakota local exchange area.

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Bismarck, North Dakota, July 6, 2000.

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Certificate Number 4457

This is to certify that public convenience and necessity require, and permission is granted for Advanced TelCom Group, Inc., a telecommunications public utility, to provide local exchange telecommunications services inside the Watford City, North Dakota local exchange area.

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Bismarck, North Dakota, July 6, 2000.

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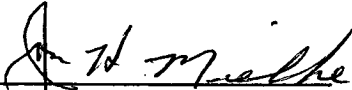
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Bismarck, North Dakota, July 6, 2000.

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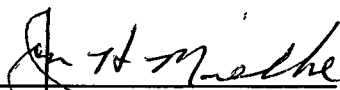
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Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity

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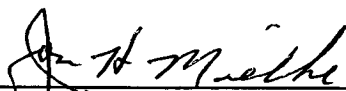
This is to certify that public convenience and necessity require, and permission is granted for Advanced TelCom Group, Inc., a telecommunications public utility, to provide local exchange telecommunications services inside the suburban territory near Fairview, Montana, part of the Fairview local exchange area, but located in North Dakota and served from the Fairview, Montana local exchange central office.

This certificate is issued in Case No. PU-2273-00-188 and is conditioned upon Advanced TelCom Group, Inc. securing the franchise or other authority of the proper municipal or other public authority for the exercise of these rights and privileges, and other conditions and limitations noted in the Order dated July 6, 2000.

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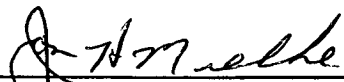
This is to certify that public convenience and necessity require, and permission is granted for Advanced TelCom Group, Inc., a telecommunications public utility, to provide local exchange telecommunications services inside the rural territory near Sidney, Montana, part of the Sidney local exchange area, but located in North Dakota and served from the Sidney, Montana local central office.

This certificate is issued in Case No. PU-2273-00-188 and is conditioned upon Advanced TelCom Group, Inc. securing the franchise or other authority of the proper municipal or other public authority for the exercise of these rights and privileges, and other conditions and limitations noted in the Order dated July 6, 2000.

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Certificate Number 4462

This is to certify that public convenience and necessity require, and permission is granted for Advanced TelCom Group, Inc., a telecommunications public utility, to provide statewide interexchange (toll) telecommunications services, with facilities, in North Dakota.

This certificate is issued in Case No. PU-2273-00-188 and is conditioned upon Advanced TelCom Group, Inc. securing the franchise or other authority of the proper municipal or other public authority for the exercise of these rights and privileges, and other conditions and limitations noted in the Order dated July 6, 2000.

Bismarck, North Dakota, July 6, 2000.

ATTEST:

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


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INFORMAL AGENDA

June 20, 2000

PU-2273-00-188

Advanced TelCom Group, Inc.
Local Exchange/Interexchange
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PU-628-00-102

Cenex Pipeline Company
Transfer of Cert. No. 61 & Route Permit No. 70
Application

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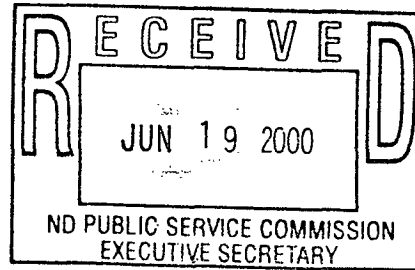
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ADVANCED TELCOM GROUP, INC. PC&N APPLICATION - CASE NO. PU-2273-00-188

On May 15, 2000, the Rural Telephone Company Group filed Comments in the above-referenced case. The Comments were based on the erroneous belief that the applicant had requested a certificate of public convenience and necessity to provide facilities based local telecommunications services throughout North Dakota. Since the applicant is only seeking such a certificate for the areas currently served by US West, the Rural Telephone Company Group would ask that the Comments filed on behalf of the group on May 15, 2000 be withdrawn. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

Michael A. Bosh
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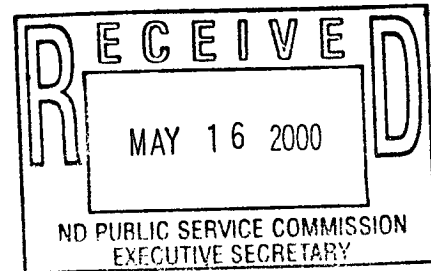
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ADVANCED TELCOM GROUP, INC. PC&N APPLICATION - CASE NO. PU-2273-00-188

On behalf of the "Rural Telephone Company Group," we file the enclosed comments (original plus seven copies) regarding Advanced Telcom Group, Inc.'s application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to provide facilities based local telecommunications services and interexchange telecommunications services "throughout North Dakota."

Very truly yours,

Michael A. Bosh
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cc/enc: Lance J. M. Steinhart

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Local Exchange/Interexchange
Public Convenience and Necessity

Case No. PU-2273-00-188

COMMENTS
OF
RURAL TELEPHONE COMPANY GROUP

The Rural Telephone Company Group (RTCG) is a group of telecommunications carriers, each of which is an "incumbent local exchange carrier" and a "rural telephone company" under the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (the Act) and each has legal interests in this case under the Act.

The Rural Telephone Company Group includes:

BEK Communications Cooperative and BEK Communications I Inc.
Consolidated Telcom
Dakota Central Telecommunications Cooperative and Dakota Central Telecom I
Dickey Rural Telephone Cooperative and Dickey Rural Communications, Inc.
Inter-Community Telephone Company and Inter-Community Telephone Company II
Midstate Telephone Company and Midstate Communications, Inc.
North Dakota Telephone Company
Northwest Communications Cooperative
Polar Communications Mutual Aid Corporation and Polar Telecommunications, Inc.
Red River Rural Telephone Association and Red River Telecom, Inc.
Reservation Telephone Cooperative
SRT Communications, Inc.
United Telephone Mutual Aid Corporation and Turtle Mountain Communications
West River Telecommunications Cooperative

In PSC Case No. PU-453-96-83, AT&T applied for and was granted a certificate of public convenience and necessity to provide local telecommunications service throughout the State of North Dakota, subject to limitations in the Commission's Order:

"8. Public convenience and necessity requires the granting of a statewide certificate to AT&T to provide local service. However, the Commission's determination of the public interest with regard to the service territories of rural telephone companies is subject to any future proceedings under §251(f)(1) or (2) of the Act.

9. Granting AT&T's application for a statewide certificate is not a ruling that affects the rights of specific rural telephone company pursuant to 47 U.S.C. §251(f)."

In PSC Case No. PU-987-96-390, Sprint applied for and was granted a certificate of public convenience and necessity to provide local telecommunications service throughout the State of North Dakota, subject to limitations based on the precedent established in the AT&T case:

"One issue which has been addressed in other Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity cases was raised by the intervener, NDATC. This issue concerns rural telephone companies and what effect the grant of a certificate would have on them. NDATC identified its interest in this proceeding, and the interests of its members, as a concern that the grant of a certificate of public convenience and necessity not defeat the rural protections provided by the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

The Commission agrees with NDATC that the question is important and must be addressed. This issue will apply to all certificate requests affecting any service area of any rural telephone company in North Dakota. It is the opinion of the Commission that in all such cases, any determination of public interest is subject to future proceedings regarding rural protections or exemptions.

In the instant case the Commission will adhere to the precedent established in the AT&T certificate case, Docket No. PU-453-96-83, on this issue. In AT&T, the Commission held that its determination of the public interest with regard to the service territories of rural telephone companies is subject to any future proceedings under Section 251(f)(1) or (2) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (47 U.S.C. §251(f)(1) or (2)). The Commission also held that granting the certificate on a statewide basis is not a ruling that affects the rights of specific rural telephone companies under 47 U.S.C. §251(f). Both Sprint and NDATC agree that the qualifications

expressed in the AT&T case appropriately apply to Sprint's request for a statewide certificate of public convenience and necessity. The inclusion of these conditions satisfies NDATC's concerns, and is not objectionable to Sprint."

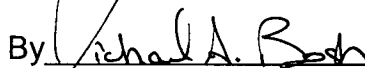
The AT&T precedent has been cited at least one time following the Sprint case, in Case No. PU-1693-97-269, where a statewide certificate was granted to Eclipse Communications Corp (a subsidiary of Western Wireless Corporation), subject to the rights of rural telephone companies under 47 U.S.C. 251(f).

In reliance on the precedent established by the Commission in the AT&T, Sprint and Eclipse/Western Wireless cases, the RTCG does not request intervention and does not request a hearing on the pending application. The RTCG does request that any order issued to grant the pending application should include limitations substantially the same as those in the AT&T, Sprint and Eclipse/Western Wireless cases, to preserve the "rural safeguard" rights of rural telephone companies under 47 U.S.C. 251(f).

Dated this 15th day of May, 2000.

PRINGLE & HERIGSTAD, P.C.

By



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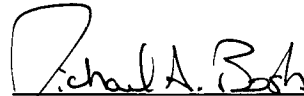
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

A true and correct copy of the foregoing Comments of Rural Telephone Company Group was, on the 15th day of May, 2000, mailed to:

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Michael A. Bosh

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
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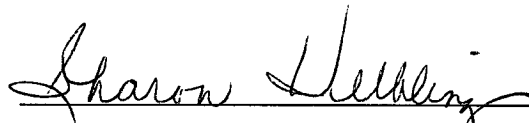
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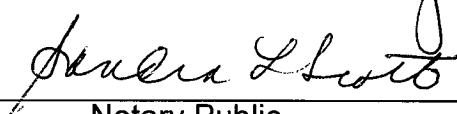
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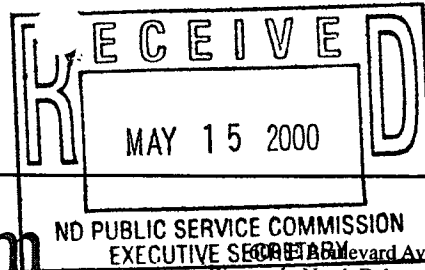
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Public Service Commission
State of North Dakota



Memorandum

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From: Mike Diller *Mike Diller*

Date: May 15, 2000

Re: **Advanced TelCom Group, Inc.
Local Exchange / Interexchange PC&N Application
Case No. PU-2273-00-188**

The following is written to provide the commission with a very limited review of this case regarding the Applicant's financial ability to provide service.

Staff reviewed the financial statements provided by the applicant and concludes that Advanced TelCom Group, Inc. (ATG) has sufficient equity to provide service in North Dakota.

The Telecommunications Act of 1996 established a national policy to create a competitive environment for telephone service. ATG is one of many companies responding to the act.

Staff sees no reason to deny ATG's application.

In accordance with the Commission's wishes, staff will serve this document on the applicant.

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
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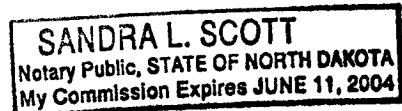
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Sharon Helbling

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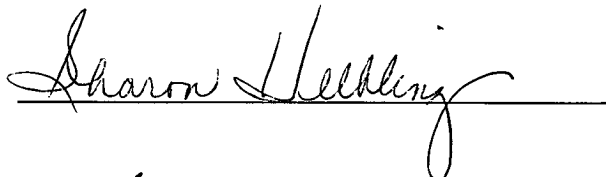
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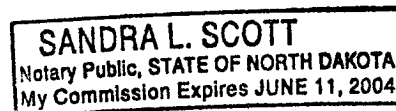
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Please have the attached notices published as legal publications in the next issue of the ten North Dakota daily newspapers. In addition, would you also run them as "New Item Only" articles.

Please send the bill to the Public Service Commission along with a tear sheet for billing purposes.

If you have any questions, please call me at 328-4076.

Thank you.

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May 10, 2000

**Advanced TelCom Group, Inc.
Local Exchange/Interexchange
Public Convenience and Necessity**

Case No. PU-2273-00-188

I move the Commission issue a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing in the application of Advanced TelCom Group, Inc. for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to provide local exchange telecommunications services in all locations currently served by U S WEST Communications, Inc., and interexchange telecommunications services throughout North Dakota, Case No. PU-2273-00-188.

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STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

**Advanced TelCom Group, Inc.
Local Exchange/Interexchange
Public Convenience and Necessity**

Case No. PU-2273-00-188

NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING

May 10, 2000

On April 20, 2000, Advanced TelCom Group, Inc., a Delaware Corporation, filed an application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to provide facilities-based local exchange telecommunications services in all locations currently served by U S WEST Communications, Inc., and interexchange telecommunications services throughout North Dakota.

The issues to be considered in this matter are:

1. Fitness and ability of the applicant to provide service.
2. Adequacy of the proposed service.
3. The technical, financial and managerial ability of the applicant to provide service.

Those interested are invited to comment on this application in writing. Persons desiring a hearing must file a written request identifying their interest in the proceeding and the reasons for requesting a hearing. Comments and requests for hearing must be received by **June 30, 2000**. If deemed appropriate, the Commission can determine the matter without a hearing.

For more information contact the Public Service Commission, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota 58505, 701-328-2400; or Relay North Dakota 1-800-366-6888 TTY. If you require any auxiliary aids or services, such as readers, signers, or Braille materials please notify Jon Mielke, Executive Secretary.

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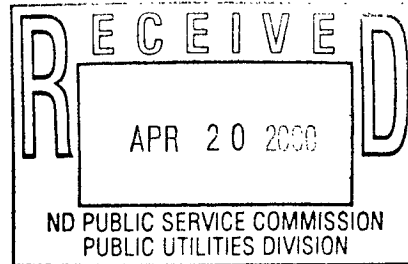
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Re: Advanced TelCom Group, Inc.

Dear Mr. Mielke:

Enclosed please find for filing an original and seven (7) copies of Advanced TelCom Group, Inc.'s Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Provide Telecommunications Services.

I have enclosed an extra copy of this letter to be date stamped and returned to me in the enclosed preaddressed-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. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lance J.M. Steinhart".

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Attorney for Advanced TelCom Group, Inc.

Enclosures

cc: Richard Levin, Esq.

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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

In the matter of the Application of)
Advanced TelCom Group, Inc.)
for a Certificate of)
Public Convenience and Necessity to)
provide Telecommunications Services)

Docket No. _____

The applicant, Advanced TelCom Group, Inc. ("ATGI") a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware with its principal place of business of 110 Stony Point Road, Second Floor, Santa Rosa, CA 95401, does hereby represent and show the Commission as follows:

1. On February 10, 2000, the North Dakota Secretary of State issued to ATGI a Certificate of Authority under the provisions of North Dakota law governing foreign corporations, giving it authority to do business in the State of North Dakota and a copy of such certificate is submitted with this application.

2. ATGI was organized as a Delaware Corporation to engage in the business of offering telecommunications services, including local exchange and toll telephone service, and intends to offer these services throughout the United States. By this application, ATGI requests a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to provide local exchange along with other telecommunications services at all locations throughout the State of North Dakota that are currently served by US West Communications, Inc., and to provide interexchange services statewide.

3. ATGI has applied for a Certificate of Registration to resell interexchange services in North Dakota, and to resell local exchange services in North Dakota.

The following exhibits are attached to this application and incorporated herein by this reference:

- Exhibit 1: A copy of the Certificate of Authority of ATGI issued by the State of North Dakota;
- Exhibit 2: A certificate of Good Standing from the State of North Dakota;
- Exhibit 3: Service Area Map
- Exhibit 4: A copy of ATGI's Financial Statements as of November 30, 1999
- Exhibit 5: Affidavit of Kathryn L. Thomas
- Exhibit 6: Biographical Information

3. All correspondence and notices regarding this application should be directed to Lance Steinhart, of the Law Office of Lance Steinhart, 6455 E. Johns Crossing, Suite 285, Duluth, GA 30097, whose telephone and fax numbers are 770-232-9200 and 770-232-9208 respectively.

4. The rate structure for providing local exchange and toll services is intended to be Competitive with the rates charged by the incumbent provider(s).

5. ATGI is fit and has the experience and ability to provide the local exchange and toll services for which authority is sought herein. ATGI intends to provide all forms of intrastate service including:

- A. Local Exchange Services that will enable customers to originate and terminate local calls in the local calling area served by other LECs.
- B. Switched local exchange services; vertical services, Direct Inward and Outward Dialed trunks, carrier access, and any other switched local services that currently exist or will exist in the future.
- C. Non-switched local services (e.g., private line) that currently exist or will exist in the future.
- D. Centrex and/or Centrex-like services that currently exist or will exist in the future.
- E. Digital subscriber line, ISDN, frame-relay, and other high capacity line services.
- F. Ancillary Services (911, directory listing, directory assistance, etc.).
- G. Interexchange (switched and dedicated services): 1+ and 101XXXX outbound dialing; 800/888 toll-free inbound dialing; calling cards; and data services.

6. ATGI has the technical, financial and managerial ability to provide the indicated services.

7. By enacting the Telecommunications Act of 1996, Congress has established a national public policy of opening the local exchange to competition and increasing the level of competition in all other areas of telecommunications services. Congress perceived a need for such competition, and ATGI hopes to meet this need to the ultimate benefit of North Dakota consumers.

8. Since ATGI intends to provide local exchange telecommunications services in those geographic areas in North Dakota currently served by US West as illustrated in the exchange area maps attached hereto as Exhibit 3.

9. The Public Service Commission ("Commission") for the State of North Dakota has Authority to grant this application under the provision of Chapter 49-03.1 of the North Dakota Century Code and the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure.

WHEREFORE, ATGI respectfully requests that a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity be issued for the services sought herein following appropriate notice; and further, ATGI respectfully requests that the Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity be issued without hearing, if appropriate, according to the applicable statutes and the rules and regulations of the Commission.

Dated this 1st of Jul, 2000.

Advanced TelCom Group, Inc.

By: _____

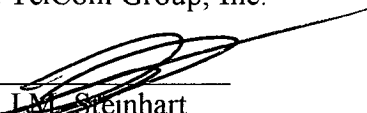

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Exhibit 1: A copy of the Certificate of Authority of ATGI issued by the State of North Dakota

State of North Dakota

SECRETARY OF STATE



CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY

OF

ADVANCED TELCOM GROUP, INC.

The undersigned, as Secretary of State of the State of North Dakota, hereby certifies that an application of

ADVANCED TELCOM GROUP, INC.

for a Certificate of Authority to transact business in this State, duly signed and verified pursuant to the provisions of the North Dakota Century Code, have been received in this office and are found to conform to law.

ACCORDINGLY the undersigned, as such Secretary of State, and by virtue of the authority vested in him by law, hereby issues this Certificate of Authority to

ADVANCED TELCOM GROUP, INC.

to transact business in this State under the name of

ADVANCED TELCOM GROUP, INC.

Issued: February 10, 2000

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Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State

Exhibit 2: A certificate of Good Standing from the State of North Dakota

State of North Dakota

SECRETARY OF STATE



CERTIFICATE OF GOOD STANDING

OF

ADVANCED TELCOM GROUP, INC.

The undersigned, as Secretary of State of the State of North Dakota, hereby certifies that ADVANCED TELCOM GROUP, INC., a Delaware corporation, authorized to transact business in the State of North Dakota on February 10, 2000, and according to the records of this office as of this date, has paid all fees due this office as required by North Dakota statutes governing foreign corporations.

ACCORDINGLY the undersigned, as such Secretary of State, and by virtue of the authority vested in him by law, hereby issues this Certificate of Good Standing to

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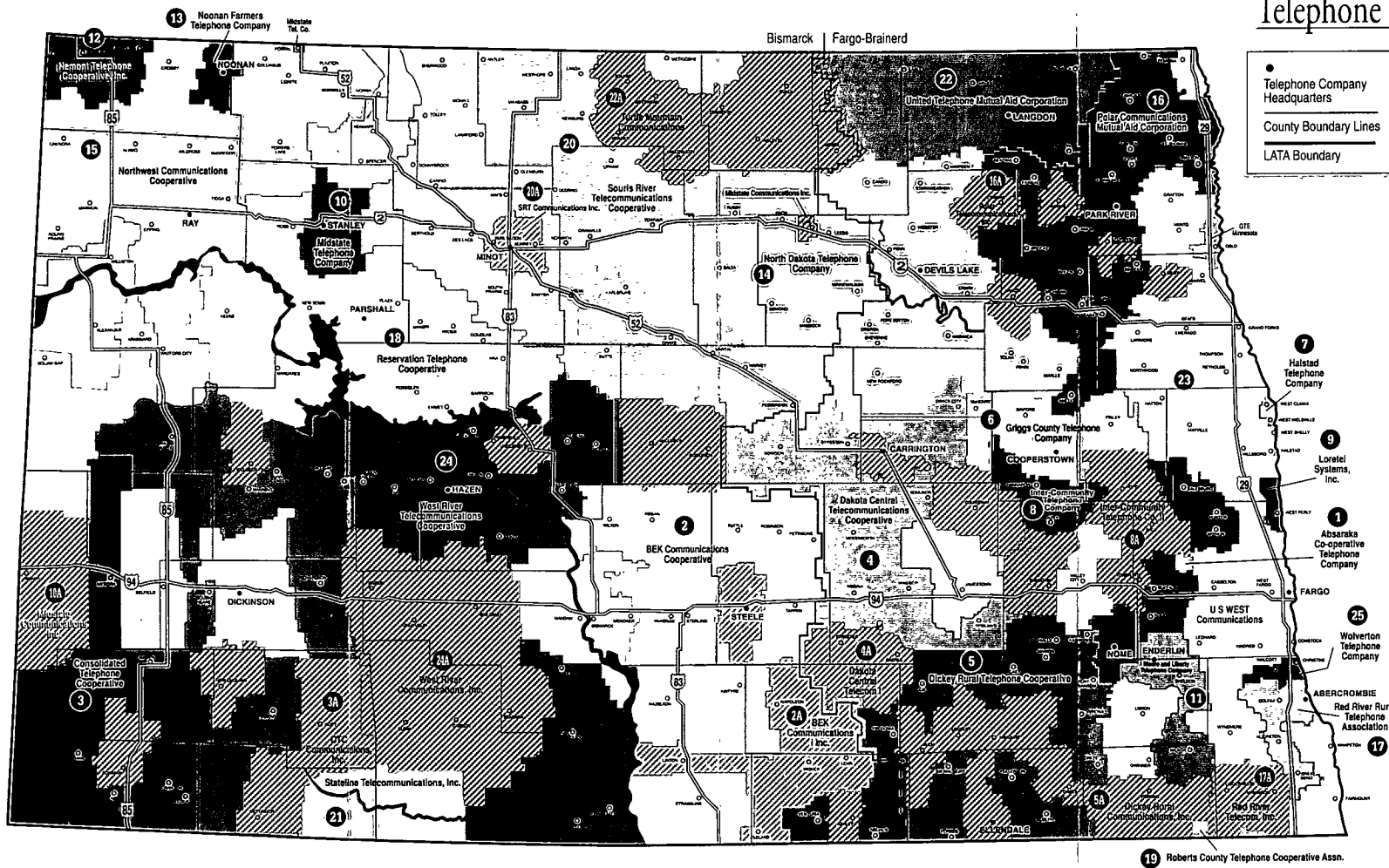
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Exhibit 3: Service Area Map

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4.	Dakota Central Telecommunications Cooperative	(701) 652-3184
4A.	Dakota Central Telecom I	
5.	Dickey Rural Telephone Cooperative	(701) 349-3687
5A.	Dickey Rural Communications, Inc.	
6.	Griggs County Telephone Company	(701) 797-3301
7.	Halstad Telephone Company	(218) 456-9111
8.	Inter-Community Telephone Company	(701) 924-
8A.	Inter-Community Telephone Co. II	
9.	Lorelei Systems, Inc.	(218) 784-7171
10.	Midstate Telephone Company	(701) 628-2522
10A.	Midstate Communications Inc.	
11.	Moore and Liberty Telephone Company	(701) 437-3300
12.	Nemont Telephone Cooperative, Inc.	(406) 783-5654
13.	Noonan Farmers Telephone Company	(701) 925-5717
14.	North Dakota Telephone Company	(701) 662-1700
15.	Northwest Communications Cooperative	(701) 568-3331
16.	Polar Communications Mutual Aid Corporation	(701) 284-7221
16A.	Polar Telecommunications, Inc.	
17.	Red River Rural Telephone Association	(701) 553-8309
17A.	Red River Telecom, Inc.	
18.	Reservation Telephone Cooperative	(701) 862-3115
19.	Roberts County Telephone Cooperative Assn.	(605) 637-5211
20.	Souris River Telecommunications Cooperative	(701) 858-1200
20A.	SRT Communications Inc.	
21.	Stateline Telecommunications, Inc.	(605) 244-5236
22.	United Telephone Mutual Aid Corporation	(701) 256-5156
22A.	Turtle Mountain Communications	
23.	U S WEST Communications	(701) 241-3481
24.	West River Telecommunications Cooperative	(701) 748-2211
24A.	West River Communications, Inc.	
25.	Wolverton Telephone Company	(218) 995-2900

Exhibit 4: A copy of ATGI's Financial Statements as of November 30, 1999

Exhibit 5: Affidavit of Kathryn L. Thomas

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

In the matter of the Application of)
Advanced TelCom Group, Inc.)
for a Certificate of)
Public Convenience and Necessity to)
provide Telecommunications Services)

Docket No. _____

AFFIDAVIT OF KATHRYN L. THOMAS

INTRODUCTION

My name is Kathryn L. Thomas. My business address is 110 Stony Point Road, Second Floor, Santa Rosa, CA 95401. I am the Vice President Regulatory & Public Policy of Advanced TelCom Group, Inc. ("ATGI"). I am responsible for all regulatory matters.

The purpose of my affidavit is to demonstrate the fitness of the applicant ATGI to operate as a facilities-based CLEC in the areas of North Dakota currently serve US West Communications, Inc. ("US West"). As described in ATGI's Application, ATGI's purposes to provide a range of facilities-based, high capacity local exchange services, including but not limited to: data services, switched and dedicated trunks, digital subscriber line, and exchange access services. ATGI may also offer local services by utilizing the switching and transport capacity of other existing telecommunications providers pursuant to negotiated or tariffed arrangements.

Upon its entry into the North Dakota market, ATGI intends to install equipment for the provision of local exchange services. When ATGI installs facilities in North Dakota, it will probably use the following or a similar configuration of equipment: ATGI will provide voice and high speed data services through a combination of the latest technology switching and transport media comprised of the Lucent Technology 5 ESS Generic 13 switch module, ADSL/SDSL

transport and Internet service equipment and the latest Optical multiplexer DAC's configurations. The switching system consists of a central processing and control complex capable of interconnection as a peer to the incumbent as well as competitive local exchange companies. The hub portion of the switch will interconnect with the public switched network on Signaling System 7 ("SS7") or Feature Group D ("FGD") facilities. The system's remote module capability will allow properties to be served in a manner that provides the exchange of appropriate signaling, control and calling/caller information to the network in accordance with network standards and specifications. Additionally, these services will be delivered over a combination of delivery mechanisms through incumbent local carriers' unbundled loop network, both copper and fiber and transport networks, as well as via ATGI constructed facilities. ATGI will be engaged in interconnection negotiations with US West in the future, and will obtain Commission approval of any agreement negotiated.

DESCRIPTION AND QUALIFICATIONS OF ATGI

ATGI is a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Delaware. ATGI is qualified to conduct business within the State of North Dakota as a foreign business entity. Applicant currently provides services in California, Maryland, Nevada, Oregon and Washington, and intends to expand its services offerings throughout the United States. Upon initiation of service in Arkansas, Advanced TelCom Group, Inc., (ATGI) proposes to offer resold and facilities-based interexchange and local exchange services. Applicant is currently seeking authorization to provide competitive local exchange and interexchange service in the 48 contiguous states and the District of Columbia. Applicant is currently authorized to provide local exchange and interexchange services in California, Colorado, Connecticut, Idaho, Illinois, Maryland, Michigan, Montana, Nevada, New York, New Jersey, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Texas, Virginia, and Washington. Applicant has not been denied authority for any of the services for which it seeks authority in this Application. ATGI is well-qualified, managerially, technically and financially to provide the competitive local exchange services for which authority is requested in its Application.

The senior management of ATGI has great depth in the telecommunications industry and offer extensive telecommunications business technical and managerial expertise. Biographical information on key members of ATGI's management team is attached to the application as Exhibit 6.

ATGI has sufficient financial capability to provide the requested telecommunications services in North Dakota and the financial capability to maintain those services. Applicant's proposed competitive local exchange service is economically feasible and in the public interest.

ATGI's management team will adhere to a strict and high standard of service policies and procedures which will ensure continued quality service. As a new entrant in the North Dakota telecommunications market, ATGI will be able to win over a keep customers only through consistent application of those policies and procedures. Additionally, ATGI will maintain a customer service department. Customer service representatives will be trained in all areas of customer complaints and services and will be held to the highest standards of accountability and ethics. Customers will be able to reach ATGI customer service via a local or toll-free number 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY

A decision by the Commission to grant ATGI authority to provide competitive local exchange telecommunications services is in the public interest. ATGI is well qualified to operate as such a service provider in North Dakota. Consumers of telecommunications services in North Dakota will receive the benefits of downward pressure on prices, increased choice, improved quality of service and customer responsiveness, innovative service offerings, and access to increasingly advanced telecommunications technology. The market incentives for new and existing providers of telecommunications services will be improved through an increase in the diversity of suppliers and competition within the local exchange telecommunications market. Granting ATGI's Application would enhance this development of competition in the local exchange market and provide the consumers of North Dakota with all of the benefits described above.

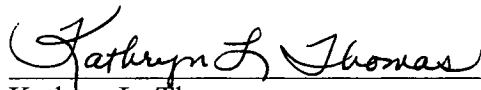
The grant of ATGI's application will preserve and advance universal service, safeguard the rights of consumers, protect the public health, safety and welfare, and promote the public interest.

ATGI is an alternative, competitive carrier which intends to provide telecommunications services targeted toward small and medium size businesses. ATGI will thus give these customers in North Dakota a real choice for their telecommunications needs.

CONCLUSION

ATGI's Application and my Affidavit in support thereof demonstrate that ATGI possesses all the requisite qualifications to be a competitive local exchange service provider in North Dakota, and that the grant of this request is in the public interest.

Advanced TelCom Group, Inc.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kathryn L. Thomas". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Kathryn L. Thomas

Its: Vice President Regulatory & Public Policy

VERIFICATION

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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I, Kathryn L. Thomas, do on oath depose and state that the facts contained in the foregoing statement are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Kathryn L. Thomas

Kathryn L. Thomas

Its: Vice President Regulatory & Public Policy

Subscribed and sworn to me
this 18 day of April, 2000.

Leanne E. Sperry
Notary Public

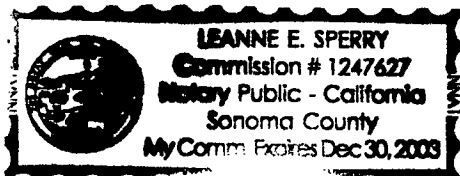


Exhibit 6: Biographical Information

KEY PERSONNEL

Advanced TelCom Group, Inc. (ATG)

PRINCIPALS

CLIFFORD G. RUDOLPH, CHAIRMAN AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Twenty-five years experience as an entrepreneur and senior executive in both the telecommunications and computer industry. Operating experience includes both regulated and unregulated products and services; corporate and line functions including: marketing, business development, acquisitions/mergers, sales, customer service, field engineering/operations and financial management. Most recently served as President for Brooks Fiber Properties Eastern and Western Divisions. Other executive level positions held at USWest Communications, David Systems, Inc. and the Amdahl Corporation. Masters in Business Administration, Pepperdine University.

ROBERT T. WARSTLER, PRESIDENT AND CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER

Twenty-five plus years experience in the telecommunications and computer industries. Operating experience includes both regulated and unregulated products and services; corporate and line functions including marketing, sales, strategic planning, customer service, business development, field engineering/operations and financial management. Most recently served as Senior Vice President for Network Equipment Technologies. Other executive level positions held at Hitachi Data Systems, U.S. West, Northern Telecom, AT&T and IBM. Bachelor of Arts, Valparaiso University.

MICHAEL R. BLACK, SR. VICE PRESIDENT SALES & FIELD OPERATIONS

Twenty-five plus years experience in the telecommunications industry. Operating experience includes both regulated and unregulated products and services; major and strategic accounts marketing/sales, customer service and field operations. Most recently served as Regional Vice President, Brooks Fiber Properties. Other executive level positions held at Ameritech and USWEST. Masters in Business Administration, Colorado State University.

CURTIS E. WHEELING, SR. VICE PRESIDENT MARKETING

Twenty-five plus years experience in the telecommunications and computer industry. Operating experience includes both regulated and unregulated products and services; corporate and line functions including: marketing, business development, acquisitions/mergers, sales and customer support. Most recently served as Regional Vice President and Vice President Business and Market Development, Brooks Fiber Properties. Other executive level positions held at Hitachi Data Systems and David Systems. Bachelor of Science Electrical Engineering, Montana State University.

THOMAS A. GRINA, SR. VICE PRESIDENT & CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

Fourteen years of experience in a variety of telecommunications companies. Experienced in areas of operations, finance and mergers/acquisitions for companies in the wireless and fixed telephony industries. Most recently was Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer for Advanced Radio Telecom. Prior positions include Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer at Dial Page, Inc. and Vice President of Finance at an affiliate of Daniels & Associates.

KATHARINE S. KLEIN, SR. VICE PRESIDENT – MERGERS AND ACQUISITIONS

Twenty plus years of experience in investment banking and principal investments. Extensive experience advising major corporations on a wide range of domestic and international financial transactions including mergers and acquisitions and public and private financings. In this capacity was Managing Director, Investment Banking at Lehman Brothers Inc. in New York and London. As Managing Director, Communications Finance at General Electric Capital Corporation served as a principal investor and lender to early-stage telecommunications companies. Bachelor of the Arts from Harvard University and Master of Business Administration from The University of Chicago

KATHRYN L. THOMAS, VICE PRESIDENT-REGULATORY & PUBLIC POLICY

Nineteen plus years experience in the regulated utility industry. Operating experience includes utility companies, consulting and various senior staff positions at state regulatory commissions. Most recently served as Director of Government and Regulatory Affairs-Western Division, Brooks Fiber Properties. Other positions held at Washington State Utilities and Transportation Commission, Northeast Utilities, Potomac Electric Power Company, Excter Associates and the Bendix Corporation. Bachelor of Business Administration, University of Washington.

CHARLES C. SEEFLOTH, VICE PRESIDENT-FIELD OPERATIONS

Twenty-seven years plus experience in the telecommunications industry. Operating experience primarily regulated services; corporate and line functions, including construction and maintenance organizations, network engineering teams, field engineering/operations and various technical staff positions. Most recently served as Director of Operations, responsible for the implementation of new market transport and switched services networks for Brooks Fiber Properties Western Division. Other positions in staff and network engineering and planning held with Pacific Bell and MCI/WorldCom.

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