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PU-2477-01-8

Premiere Network Services, Inc.
Local Exchange

Public Convenience & Nece

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Subject: Money Received.....

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Premiere Network Services, Inc.
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by Premiere Network Services, Inc.

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DATE: 3-28-01
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MOTION

March 28, 2001

Premiere Network Services, Inc.
Local Exchange
Public Convenience & Necessity

Case No. PU-2477-01-8

I move the Commission bill Premiere Network Services, Inc. for costs incurred to date in Case No. PU-2477-01-8, Premiere Network Services, Inc., Local Exchange, Public Convenience & Necessity.



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March 28, 2001

Terri K Firestein
Competitive Communications Group
10806 Garrison Hollow Rd
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RE: Case No. PU-2477-01-8
Premiere Network Services, Inc.
Local Exchange
Public Convenience & Necessity

Enclosed is a copy of the statement approved at the March 28, 2001 Public Service Commission meeting for the expenses incurred to date in Case No. PU-2477-01-8.

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,

Gloria Geiger
Administrative Assistant
701-328-2401

Enc.

Billing Statement

March 28, 2001

Premiere Network Services, Inc.
Local Exchange
Public Convenience & Necessity

Case No. PU-2477-01-8

Expenses Incurred to Date:

Advertising Costs	\$248.47
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Amount Due:

Premiere Network Services, Inc.	\$248.47
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Send Payment and a Copy of this Statement To:

Public Service Commission
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Federal Tax ID 45-0309764

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Premiere Network Services, Inc.
Local Exchange
Public Convenience and Necessity

Case No. PU-2477-01-8

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 **15th day of March, 2001**, 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

The envelope was addressed as follows:

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Clear Spring MD 21722
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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 **15th day of March, 2001**.

SEAL

Sharon Helbling

Sandra L. Scott

Notary Public
SANDRA L. SCOTT
Notary Public, STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
My Commission Expires JUNE 11, 2004

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Affidavit of Service

by Public Service Commission

03/15/2001

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March 15, 2001

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Dear Ms. Firestein:

On March 14, 2001, the Commission issued Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity No. 4680 to Premiere Network Services, Inc. to provide facilities-based local exchange telecommunications services throughout North Dakota, Case No. PU-2477-01-8. The original certificate is 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

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Enclosure

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Letter re approval

by Public Service Commission

03/15/2001

CC: Comm Legal Ilona Jerry.

APPROVED

DATE: 3-14-01
KMF

MOTION

March 14, 2001

**Premiere Network Services, Inc.
Local Exchange
Public Convenience & Necessity**

Case No. PU-2477-01-8

I move the Commission adopt the Order and issue a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Premiere Network Services, Inc. to provide facilities-based competitive local exchange telecommunications service throughout North Dakota, Case No. PU-2477-01-8.

JRL/sdh

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Premiere Network Services, Inc.
Local Exchange
Public Convenience & Necessity

Case No. PU-2477-01-8

ORDER

March 14, 2001

On December 20, 2000, Premiere Network Services, Inc. (Premiere) filed an application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to provide facilities-based competitive local exchange telecommunications services throughout North Dakota.

On January 9, 2001, the Public Service Commission's Director of Accounting filed a memorandum indicating that Premiere has the financial ability to provide telecommunications service.

On January 10, 2001, the Commission issued a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing, which provided until February 16, 2001 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 February 12, 2001, the Rural Telephone Company Group submitted comments requesting that any order granting the application include limitations to preserve the "rural safeguard" rights of rural companies under the Telcom Act, 47 U.S.C. 251(f).

Premiere is a Texas corporation with headquarters at Desoto, TX. Premiere is in the process of obtaining resale and facilities based local exchange and resale interexchange authority nationwide. Premiere indicates that its management and key personnel have extensive telecommunications operational experience and technical expertise. The Commission finds Premiere is fit, able, and has the technical, financial and managerial ability to provide service.

Premiere indicates it will provide a range of business and residential services including PBX, DID, custom calling features, 911, directory assistance, call blocking and residential lifeline service. The Commission finds Premiere's proposed service adequate.

In this Case, as in other cases in which statewide authority was requested, the Commission will adhere to the precedent established in the AT&T certificate case, Case No. PU-453-96-83. 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).

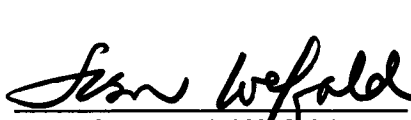
Order

The Commission Orders:

1. The application of Premier Network Services, Inc. for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to provide facilities-based competitive local exchange services throughout North Dakota is GRANTED.
2. Granting Premiere a certificate to provide local exchange service on a statewide basis does not affect the rights of rural telephone companies under 47 U.S.C. §251(f).

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


Anthony T. Clark
Commissioner


Susan E. Wehald
President


Leo M. Reinbold
Commissioner

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity

Certificate Number 4680

This is to certify that public convenience and necessity require, and permission is granted for Premiere Network Services, Inc., a telecommunications public utility, to provide statewide local exchange telecommunications services, with facilities, in North Dakota.

This certificate is issued in Case No. PU-2477-01-8 and is conditioned upon Premiere Network Services, Inc. securing the franchise or other authority of the proper municipal or other authority for the exercise of these rights and privileges.


Bismarck, North Dakota, March 14, 2001.

ATTEST:

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION



Executive Secretary



Commissioner

INFORMAL AGENDA

February 21, 2001

PU-2079-00-655

Z-Tel Communications, Inc.
Local Exchange
Public Convenience and Necessity

Premiere



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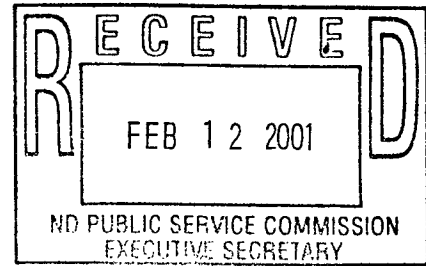
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February 9, 2001

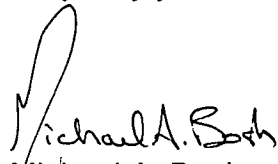


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**PREMIERE NETWORK SERVICES, INC. /CASE NO. PU-2477-01-8 -
PC&N APPLICATION**

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

Very truly yours,


Michael A. Bosh
Pringle & Herigstad, P.C.

jb
enc.
cc/enc: Nicole Hyatt

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Premiere Network Services, Inc.
Local Exchange
Public Convenience & Necessity

Case No. PU-2477-01-8

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
Consolidated Telcom
Dakota Central Telecommunications Cooperative and Dakota Central Telecom I
Dickey Rural Telephone Cooperative and Dickey Rural Communications, Inc.
Inter-Community Telephone Company, LLC and Inter-Community Telephone
Company II, LLC
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, NDATEC. This issue concerns rural telephone companies and what effect the grant of a certificate would have on them. NDATEC 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 NDATEC 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 NDATEC 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 9th day of February, 2001.

PRINGLE & HERIGSTAD, P.C.

By Michael A. Bosh

Michael A. Bosh (ND #5313)

Attorneys for RTCG

Bremer Bank Bldg., 2nd Floor

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

A true and correct copy of the foregoing Comments of Rural Telephone Company Group was, on the 9th day of February, 2001, mailed to:

Nicole Hyatt, Regulatory Specialist
Competitive Communications Group
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6811 Kenilworth Avenue, Suite 302
Riverdale, MD 20737

Michael A. Bosh
Michael A. Bosh

Affidavit of Publication

State of North Dakota)
County of Burleigh)

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NORTH DAKOTA
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COMMISSION
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Laurie Thiel, being duly sworn, state as follows:

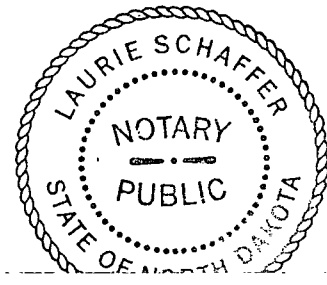
1. I am the designated agent, under the provisions and for the purposes of, Section 31-04-06, NDCC, for the newspapers listed on the attached exhibits.
2. The newspapers listed on the exhibits published the advertisement of:
Premiere Work, 1 time(s)
as required by law or ordinance.
3. All of the listed 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: [Signature]

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29th day of January A.D. 2001.

[Signature]

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



Notice Of Opportunity For
Hearing

January 10, 2001

Case No. PU-2477-01-08

Bismarck	1-15
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Dickinson	
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Case No. PU-2477-01-8

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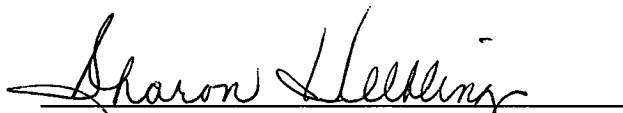
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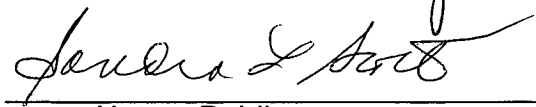
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Subscribed and sworn to before me
this **11th day of January, 2001**.





Notary Public

SEAL

SANDRA L. SCOTT
Notary Public, STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
My Commission Expires JUNE 11, 2004

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Affidavits of Service

by Public Service Commission

01/11/2001

CC: Comm Legal Ilona Jerry

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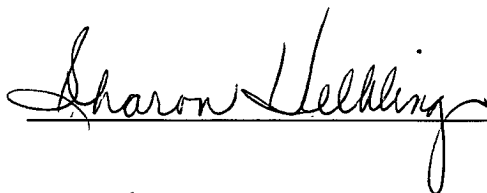
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Notary Public

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Helbling, Sharon D.

From: Helbling, Sharon D.

Sent: Thursday, January 11, 2001 9:53 AM

To: ndna (E-mail)

Subject: Attached Notice of Opportunity for Hearing, Case No. PU-2477-01-8

Please have the attached Notice of Opportunity for Hearing published as a legal publication in the next issue of the ten North Dakota daily newspapers, and run it as a "News Item Only" article as well.

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 a701-328-4076.

Thank you.

Sharon Helbling
Public Utilities Division



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Notice E-Mailed to NDNA requesting
publication
by Public Service Commission

01/11/2001

CC: Comm Legal Ilona Jerry

APPROVED:

DATE: 1-10-01
KMF

MOTION

January 10, 2001

**Premiere Network Services, Inc.
Local Exchange
Public Convenience & Necessity**

Case No. PU-2477-01-8

I move the Commission issue a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing in the application of Premiere Network Services, Inc. for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to provide facilities-based competitive local exchange telecommunications service throughout North Dakota, Case No. PU-2477-01-8.

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Motion

by Public Service Commission

01/10/2001

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STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Premiere Network Services, Inc.
Local Exchange
Public Convenience & Necessity

Case No. PU-2477-01-8

NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING

January 10, 2001

On December 20, 2000, Premiere Network Services, Inc. of DeSoto, Texas filed an application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to provide facilities-based competitive local exchange 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 the 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 hearings must be received by **February 16, 2000**. If deemed appropriate, the Commission can determine these matters without hearings.

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.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

 Susan E. Wefald Commissioner	 Leo M. Reinbold Commissioner	 Anthony T. Clark Commissioner
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STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Premiere Network Services, Inc.
Local Exchange
Public Convenience and Necessity

Case No. PU-2477-01-8

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 **9th day of January, 2001**, 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:

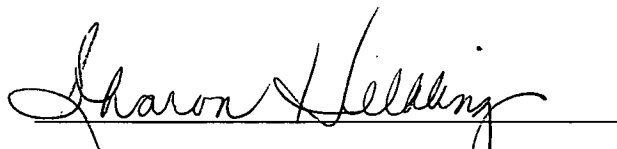
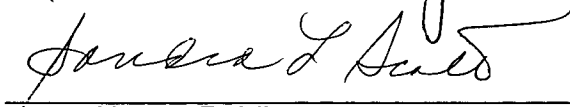
Staff Memo on Financial Ability

The envelope was addressed as follows:

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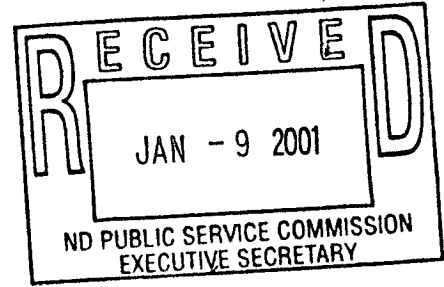
Subscribed and sworn to before me
this **9th day of January, 2001**.



Notary Public

SEAL



Memo



To: Jon Mielke

From: Mike Diller *Mike Diller*

Date: January 9, 2001

**Re: Premiere Network Services, Inc.
Local Exchange PC&N
Case No. PU-2477-01-8**

The following is written to provide the commission with a very limited review of this case regarding the financial ability of the applicant to provide service in North Dakota.

According to financial information provided through June 30, 2000, the applicant 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. The applicant is one of many companies responding to the Act.

I see no reason to deny the applicant's request.

In accordance with the Commission's wishes, I have served this document on the applicant.

COMPETITIVE COMMUNICATIONS GROUP

January 9, 2001

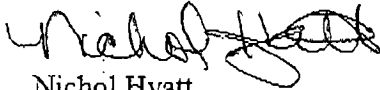
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RE: Premiere Network Services, Inc. Application for Authority to Provide Facilities
Based Local Telecommunications Service Within the State of North Dakota
(Docket No. PU-2477-01-8)

Attached, please find a copy of Premiere's Financial Information that we
discussed today.

If there are any questions concerning this filing, please call me at 301-209-0271.

Respectfully submitted,



Nichol Hyatt
Regulatory Specialist
to Premiere Network Services, Inc.

Attachment

LETTER OF AUTHORIZATION

To Whom It May Concern:

This is to advise that Competitive Communications Group (CCG) is an authorized representative of Premiere Network Services, Inc. with the authority to take the following actions on behalf of Premiere Network Services, Inc.:

1. Execute on behalf of Premiere Network Services, Inc. as a corporate designated representative, certification documents and to process local certification documents in any state on behalf of Premiere Network Services, Inc.
2. Execute on behalf of Premiere Network Services, Inc. any required documentation to transact business on behalf of Premiere Network Services, Inc. and to process any documentation necessary to transact business in any state.
3. Sign, file and notarize on behalf of Premiere Network Services, Inc. any document and/or process any document for any of the purposes listed in Paragraphs 1 and 2.

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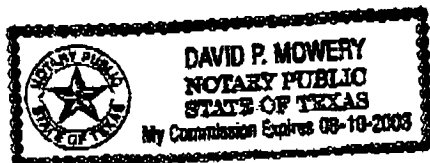
Name: Leo A. Wrobel

Title: President

STATE OF TEXAS, DALLAS COUNTY, to wit:

I HEREBY CERTIFY that, on this 7th day of February, 2000, before me, a Notary Public in and for the State and County aforesaid, personally appeared Leo A. Wrobel, the authorized representative of Premiere Network Services, Inc., personally known or made known to me and he/she made oath, under the penalties of perjury, that the facts and statements contained in this Letter of Authorization document are true and that he acknowledged to me that he freely and voluntarily executed the same for the purposes stated therein.

WITNESS my hand and Notarial Seal.





David P. Mowery, Notary Public

05/26/00

Premiere Network Services, Inc.
Profit & Loss
January through April 2000

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	<u>Jan - Apr '00</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Telephone Service Operations	240,071.93
Settlement Compensation	479,560.64
Seminar/Speaking	13,815.24
Total Income	<u>733,447.81</u>
Cost of Goods Sold	
Sales Commission	17,190.08
Settlement Comp Exp	70,418.00
Cost of Goods Sold-Telephone	172,947.89
Cost of Teaching Seminars	6,616.24
Total COGS	<u>267,171.19</u>
Gross Profit	466,276.62
Expense	
Operating Exp - General	26,345.44
Payroll Expenses	173,851.59
Sales and Marketing	3,198.54
General and Administrative	128,524.91
Amortization	3,051.20
Total Expense	<u>334,971.68</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<u>131,304.94</u>
Net Income	<u>131,304.94</u>

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Premiere Network Services, Inc.
Balance Sheet Prev Year Comparison
 As of December 31, 1998

02/03/00

	Dec 31, '98	Dec 31, '98
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Checking/Savings		
Cash	109,108.56	11,575.58
Total Checking/Savings	109,108.56	11,575.58
Accounts Receivable		
Trade Accounts Receivable	144,810.07	568.11
Settlement Compensation Rec	148,182.30	0.00
Total Accounts Receivable	292,992.37	568.11
Other Current Assets		
Inventory Asset	386.00	0.00
Notes Receivable	322,335.86	7,971.10
Total Other Current Assets	322,921.88	7,971.10
Total Current Assets	725,022.81	20,112.79
Fixed Assets		
Office Equipment & Furniture	25,991.31	17,506.36
Accumulated Depreciation	-8,368.42	-8,368.42
Total Fixed Assets	17,622.89	9,137.96
Other Assets		
Deposits	2,000.00	0.00
Total Other Assets	2,000.00	0.00
TOTAL ASSETS	744,645.70	29,250.75
LIABILITIES & EQUITY		
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable		
*Accounts Payable	70,156.89	10,981.54
Total Accounts Payable	70,156.89	10,981.54
Credit Cards		
Citibank Business Card	0.00	12,282.55
Total Credit Cards	0.00	12,282.55
Other Current Liabilities		
Interest Payable	851.51	0.00
Taxes/Fees Payable (Total Svcs)	15,902.38	45.18
Payroll Liabilities	6,303.47	2,793.84
Notes Payable	100,000.00	0.00
Total Other Current Liabilities	123,057.36	2,839.12
Total Current Liabilities	193,214.25	26,083.21
Total Liabilities	193,214.25	26,083.21
Equity		
Common Stock	1,333,252.44	406,889.44
Paid-in Capital - Stock Sale	5,000.00	5,000.00
Retained Earnings	-497,721.90	-98,861.86
Net Income	-378,109.09	-311,060.04
Total Equity	561,431.45	3,167.54
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	744,645.70	29,250.75

Premiere Network Services, Inc.
Profit & Loss Prev Year Comparison
 January, 1988 through December, 1988

	Jan - Mar '88	Apr - Jun '88	Jul - Sep '88	Oct - Dec '88	Jan - Mar '89	Apr - Jun '89	Jul - Sep '89	Oct - Dec '89
Ordinary Income/Expense								
Income								
Telephone Service Operator	0.00	0.00	348.00	1,242.00	9,265.00	9,585.00	34,300.00	125,957.00
Settlement Compensation	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	160,492.00
Consulting	48,289.00	12,127.00	22,908.00	89,048.00	3,760.00	303.00	0.00	79.00
Seminars/Speaking	7,014.00	17,375.00	10,795.00	12,319.00	4,970.00	4,829.00	20,349.00	19,905.00
Miscellaneous Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	395.00	0.00	2,637.00	575.00	418.00
Total Income	55,303.00	29,502.00	34,138.00	72,942.00	17,860.00	17,464.00	55,524.00	324,254.00
Cost of Goods Sold								
Settlement Comp Exp	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,239.00	17,944.00	32,710.00
Cost of Goods Sold-Telephone	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,748.00	0.00	0.00	36,902.00
Total COGS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,748.00	7,239.00	17,944.00	69,612.00
	55,303.00	29,502.00	34,138.00	72,942.00	13,112.00	10,225.00	37,580.00	254,742.00
Expense								
Operating Exp - General	5,129.00	11,518.00	71,098.00	46,178.00	9,083.00	14,439.00	19,553.00	14,059.00
Payroll Expenses	84,570.00	69,105.00	69,016.00	60,063.00	63,934.00	75,944.00	104,215.00	160,961.00
Sales and Marketing	4,695.00	437.00	291.00	232.00	235.00	0.00	352.00	658.00
General and Administrative	23,671.00	29,003.00	29,844.00	38,396.00	81,940.00	69,923.00	125,679.00	85,162.00
Total Expense	118,065.00	110,063.00	170,249.00	144,869.00	155,272.00	160,366.00	350,199.00	264,840.00
Net Ordinary Income	-43,063.00	-80,561.00	-126,111.00	-71,927.00	-143,140.00	-160,141.00	-212,629.00	55,702.00
Other Income/Expense								
Legal Settlement	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100,000.00
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100,000.00
Net Other Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100,000.00
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Premiere Network Services, Inc.**Balance Sheet**

As of June 30, 2000

	<u>Jun 30, '00</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	136,491
Accounts Receivable-Trade	381,692
Settlement Compensation Rec	291,082
Notes Receivable	<u>272,498</u>
Total Current Assets	1,081,763
Fixed Assets	
Land	5,000
Software Development	25,000
ISP/Internet Equipment	39,684
Office Equipment & Furniture	63,520
Other Equipment	1,638
Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(16,896)</u>
Total Fixed Assets	117,945
Other Assets	
Prepaid Insurance	3,686
Deposits	6,500
Certification	<u>43,490</u>
Total Other Assets	<u>53,676</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>1,253,383</u></u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	258,416
Interest Payable	1,888
Taxes/Fees Payable (Tele Svcs)	40,720
Accrued Expenses	43,224
Payroll Liabilities	3,860
Notes Payable	<u>100,000</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>448,105</u>
Total Liabilities	448,105
Equity	
Common Stock	1,361,462
Retained Earnings	<u>(556,184)</u>
Total Equity	<u>805,278</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u><u>1,253,383</u></u>

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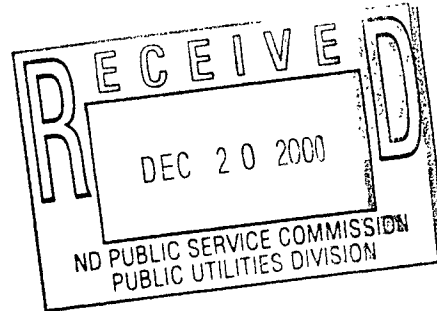
Profit & Loss

January through June 2000

	<u>Jan - Jun '00</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Telephone Service Operations	588,906
Settlement Compensation	710,689
Speaking Engagements	<u>13,815</u>
Total Income	<u>1,313,410</u>
Cost of Goods Sold	
Sales Commission	26,314
Settlement Comp Exp	105,725
Telephone Cost	331,080
Speaking Engagement Costs	<u>6,615</u>
Total COGS	<u>469,734</u>
Gross Profit	<u>843,676</u>
Expense	
Operating Exp - General	81,659
Payroll Expenses	330,452
Sales and Marketing	11,697
General and Administrative	209,170
Amortization	<u>4,577</u>
Total Expense	<u>617,555</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<u>226,121</u>
Other Income/Expense	
Other Income	
Sale of Asset	15,824
Sale of Asset	<u>13,000</u>
Total Other Income	<u>28,824</u>
Other Expense	
Cost of Asset Sold	9,377
Total Other Expense	<u>9,377</u>
Net Other Income	<u>19,247</u>
Net Income	<u><u>245,367</u></u>



ORIGINAL



Jon Mielke, Executive Secretary
North Dakota Public Service Commission
600 E. Boulevard Ave., Dept. 408
Bismarck, North Dakota 58505-0480

RE: Premiere Network Services, Inc. Application for Authority to Provide Facilities Based Local Telecommunications Service Within the State of North Dakota

Enclosed, please find an original and six (6) copies of the above-mentioned application for filing with the Commission. Please note that an original Certificate of Good Standing is forthcoming from the Secretary of State's office directly to Sharon Helbling of the Commission's staff.

Please date stamp the extra-copy of this letter and return it in the envelope provided. If there are any questions concerning this filing, please call me at 301-209-0271.

Respectfully submitted,


Nicole Hyatt

Regulatory Specialist
to Premiere Network Services, Inc.

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Local Exchange PC&N application

by Premiere Network Services, Inc.

12/20/2000

CC: Comm Legal Ilona Jerry.

**BEFORE THE NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

In the Matter of the Application of)
Premiere Network Services, Inc.)
)
For a Certificate of Public Convenience) Docket No. _____
And Necessity to Provide Facilities Based)
Local Service within North Dakota)

**APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE TO PROVIDE FACILITIES BASED
LOCAL SERVICE**

I. Introduction

Premiere Network Services, Inc. ("Premiere" or "Applicant"), by its undersigned consultant, hereby applies, for authority to provide facilities based local service, in the State of North Dakota.

The State of North Dakota has adopted a policy of allowing competition in the local and long distance telecommunications markets, recognizing that it is in the public interest to develop effective competition to ensure that all consumers will have access to high quality, low cost, innovative telecommunications services. The Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 also seeks to promote competition and reduce regulation in order to secure lower prices and higher quality telecommunications services for American consumers. Both goals will be promoted by granting this application.

II. QUALIFICATIONS

In accordance with the Rules for the Provision of Competitive Intrastate Telecommunications Services adopted, Premiere states the following in support of its application.

1. Applicant's legal name is Premiere Network Services, Inc. Premiere is a Texas corporation. Applicant's Certificate of Incorporation is attached as **Exhibit 1** to this application. Applicant maintains its principal place of business at:

Premiere Network Services, Inc.
1510 North Hampton Road, Suite 120
DeSoto, Texas 75115
Phone: 972-228-8881
Fax: 972-228-8889

2. Correspondence or communications pertaining to this application should be directed to:

Terri K. Firestein, Consultant
Competitive Communications Group
10806 Garrison Hollow Road
Clear Spring, MD 21722
Phone: 301-842-1437
Fax: 301-842-1439

3. Question concerning the ongoing operations of Premiere following certification should be directed to:

Ms. Jacquetta Peace
Operations Manager
Premiere Network Services, Inc.
1510 North Hampton Road, Suite 120
DeSoto, Texas 75115
Phone: 972-228-6810
Fax: 972-217-1995
E-mail: jaqi@rewireit.com

The following toll free number is available for customer service inquiries:

1-888-773-4374

4. Premiere's registered agent in North Dakota is:

CT Corporation Company
Registered Office:
c/o CT Corporation System
314 East Thayer Avenue
Bismarck, North Dakota 58501-4018

5. Premiere's Certificate of Authority is submitted as **Exhibit 1**. As detailed in this application, Premiere seeks authority to provide facilities based local service, in the state of North Dakota. Service will be provided throughout the state, as authorized by the Commission.
6. Premiere is financially qualified to render its proposed telecommunications services in North Dakota. In particular, applicant has access to the financing and capital necessary to conduct its telecommunications operations as specified in this Application. Premiere considers its financial information to be confidential and proprietary information. Financial information is filed as **Exhibit 2** with a protective order motion and has been submitted for filing in a sealed envelope and marked as highly sensitive material.

Since Premiere intends to initially operate as a reseller of local service and a purchaser of Unbundled Network Elements (UNEs) the amount of immediate capital expenditures necessary to operate as a local provider will be minimized. (Premiere is simultaneously applying for resale authority with the North Dakota Public Service Commission.) Premiere's transition to a company owned facilities-based provider will necessitate an increase in capital expenditures, all of which Premiere can assume responsibility. The pro-forma financial statements are detailed enough to demonstrate the availability of capital money for capital expenditures and other related expenses for provision of facilities-based operation.

Premiere will strictly monitor its expenses, institute effective cost controls and keep its selling, general and administrative ("SG&A") expenses as a percent of gross revenues equal to if not better than the industry average.

As a result of the foregoing, as well as effective capital management measures Premiere intends to implement, Premiere expects to develop and maintain profitable growth. Thus, Premiere asserts that it has the financial resources necessary to operate as a competitive facilities based local service provider in North Dakota.

7. Premiere intends to provide facilities based local exchange. A full listing of services, terms and conditions can be reviewed in the local tariff submitted with this document as **Exhibit 3**. Premiere is familiar with and will adhere to the Commission's rules, policies and orders relating to the provision of telecommunication service.
8. Premiere has no current operations in the State of North Dakota. Premiere is in the process of obtaining resale and facilities based local exchange, and resell interexchange authority, where required, throughout the contiguous United States.
9. Premiere Network Services, Inc. possesses the necessary qualifications to meet or exceed all technical specifications of providing local service. Premiere is aware of the industry standards for quality of service, billing practices and customer care. Premiere does not anticipate any problems and is fully committed to meeting or exceeding all quality of standards and billing practices. Premiere does not currently own and will not initially own its own equipment or facilities. Premiere intends to launch service by reselling the services of and purchasing Unbundled Network Elements (UNEs) from the Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers. These UNEs will include switching and transport facilities as well as loop and sup-loop components. Applicant possesses the necessary qualifications to meet or exceed all technical specifications of providing data services.
10. Applicant is technically and managerially qualified to render the proposed telecommunications services. A brief description of the experience of Premiere's staff and a list of officers are attached as **Exhibit 4**.

11. Because Premiere does not have facilities in North Dakota, no descriptions or maps showing points of presence are attached to this application. Premiere proposes to provide telecommunications services throughout the State in the service areas of incumbent LECs. Since maps defining those service areas are already on file with the Commission, the filing of such maps by Premiere would be duplicative. Thus, Premiere requests a waiver of the requirement it file maps depicting its service area.
12. Applicant does not plan to require deposits, advance payments, prepayments, financial guarantees or the like, therefore no surety bond will be filed.
13. Premiere does not currently maintain its accounts in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principals ("GAAP"). The invoices are prepared at corporate headquarters in Texas with sufficient detail so that customers can understand what they have purchased and for what price/rate. The billing system is capable of convergent billing so that all of the Premiere Network Services, Inc. services the customer subscribes to are listed on a single bill. An Account Listing is attached as **Exhibit 5**.
14. The mechanism by which Premiere intends to bill for facilities based service and other service entails use of a mainframe computer and Portal billing software. Bill fulfillment activities will take place at Applicant's DeSoto, Texas corporate headquarters. The customer bill cycle will be dependent upon the account set up date and will occur monthly thereafter. Customer service representatives located at the Applicant's DeSoto, Texas facility will handle billing inquiries. Premiere's billing system will be capable of identifying and billing intrastate versus interstate traffic, in accordance with Multiple Exchange Carrier Access Billing ("MECAB") Guidelines as developed by the billing committee of the Ordering and Billing Forum ("OBF").

III. Public Interest Considerations

The Commission has determined that the grant of applications for competing licenses to provide basic local exchange services is in the public interest.

Premiere's proposed services will provide multiple public benefits by increasing the efficiency of incumbent LECs, by providing users of telecommunications services with greater reliability, and by increasing the competitive choices available to users in the state. Enhanced competition in telecommunications services likely will further stimulate economic development in North Dakota. In addition, increased competition will create incentives for lower prices, more innovative services, and more responsive customer service.

The grant of a certificate will not adversely affect the incumbent LEC's service. As has been the case with other competitive initiatives in North Dakota, a grant of the instant authority will have minimal impact on the incumbent. In fact, incumbent providers have benefited from market incentives to improve the efficiency of their

operations, and from increased usage of their services due to expansion of the total market spurred by competition and lower prices.

Local exchange services competition stimulates the demand for the services supplied by all local service carriers, including those of the incumbent LEC. The incumbent provider will have market incentives to improve the efficiency of its operations, and it will benefit from the increased use of its services.

Finally, as demonstrated above, the grant of this authority will provide significant benefits to consumers in terms of carrier choice, price, increased reliability, responsiveness and the introduction of new services. As competition has driven telecommunications prices downward, businesses have seen concomitant reductions in their operating costs and increases in their sales, which have contributed toward the viability of the economy and employment levels.

IV. Conclusion

Premiere respectfully requests that the Commission enter an Order granting it a license to operate as a local exchange company to provide facilities based services throughout the State of North Dakota. For the reasons stated above, Premiere's provision of facilities based service would promote the public interest by providing high-quality service at competitive prices, and create economic incentives for the development and improvement of all competing providers.

WHEREFORE, Premiere Network Services, Inc. requests that the North Dakota Public Service Commission grant it the requested authority to provide facilities based local service throughout the State of North Dakota.

Respectfully submitted,

Premiere Network Services, Inc.



Terri K. Firestein

Consultant to Premiere Network Services, Inc.

VERIFICATION

On behalf of Premiere Network Services, Inc., Applicant for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity, I certify and agree that Intrastate Telecommunications services will be provided in compliance with the Rules and Regulations of the Public Service Commission.

I understand that certification as a public utility to provide intrastate telecommunications services is non transferable and may be revoked by the North Dakota Public Service Commission for violation of Commission Rules and Regulations.

I understand that a certified utility is required to submit annual reports to the Commission recounting activities specified by Commission rules. I further understand that additional reports may be required by the Commission at any time.

I understand that I cannot abandon or discontinue service, or any part thereof, established within the State of North Dakota without prior Commission approval and without having previously made provision, approved by the Commission, for payment of all relevant outstanding liabilities to customers within the State of North Dakota.

I further attest that the information provided in this application and the supporting documents is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.



Terri K. Firestein, Consultant
Premiere Network Services, Inc.

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EXHIBIT 1

**CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION & SECRETARY OF STATE
CERTIFICATE**

State of North Dakota

SECRETARY OF STATE



CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY

OF

PREMIERE NETWORK SERVICES, INC.

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

PREMIERE NETWORK SERVICES, 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

PREMIERE NETWORK SERVICES, INC.
to transact business in this State under the name of

PREMIERE NETWORK SERVICES, INC.

Issued: March 10, 2000

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Alvin A. Jaeger".

Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State



**CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY
FOREIGN CORPORATION
APPLICATION**
SECRETARY OF STATE
SFN 13100 (8-97)

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ID #	1560110C
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Filed	3-10-00
By	[Signature]

SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR FEES, FILING AND MAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 1.A. The application **MUST** be accompanied by ALL of the following:
- Filing fee of \$125 if a Foreign Business or Professional Corporation
 - Filing fee of \$40 if a Foreign Nonprofit Corporation
 - Signed Consent of Registered Agent and fee of \$10
 - Current, **ORIGINAL CERTIFICATE OF GOOD STANDING OR CERTIFICATE OF EXISTENCE** verifying corporate existence certified by the incorporating officer of the state or country of incorporation.

- B. The following **MAY** be required:
- Certification of professional license from the North Dakota licensing board for the profession
 - Signed consent to use of name and fee of \$10
 - Trade Name Registration and fee of \$25

TYPE OR PRINT LEGIBLY

For reference, see North Dakota Century Code, Section 10-19.1-135 or 10-33-125.

2. Type of corporation applying for Certificate of Authority: (check one)
- Foreign Business Foreign Professional Foreign Nonprofit

3.A. Name of corporation EXACTLY as it appears on Certificate of Good Standing from state of origin Premiere Network Services, Inc.	B. Federal ID # 17521140479
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- C. If the corporation chooses to use a name other than its corporate name, that name is a trade name and must be registered with the North Dakota Secretary of State. (SEE INSTRUCTION 3.C.) If applicable, provide the trade name below and complete the Trade Name Registration form if the selected trade name is not already registered in North Dakota.

- D. If the corporation has been notified by the North Dakota Secretary of State that its corporate name is the same as, or deceptively similar to a name already registered, this application for Certificate of Authority must be accompanied by one of the following: (check one)

- Consent to use of name from the conflicting name holder(s).
- An application for registration of a trade name for use in transacting business in North Dakota. The trade name adopted is:

- Certified copy of a final decree of a court of competent jurisdiction establishing prior right of this corporation to use of the name in North Dakota

4. Complete mailing address of principal executive office which may not only be a post office box (Street/RR, and PO Box if applicable, city, state, zip+4) **1510 N. Hampton Rd. Suite 120 DeSoto, TX 75115**

5.A. STATE or country where incorporated Texas	B. EXACT date incorporated (Month, day, AND year) May 16, 1986	C. Duration of corporation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Perpetual <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	D. Telephone # (972) 228-8881
			E. Toll-free telephone #

6.A. Name of required registered agent in NORTH DAKOTA (SEE INSTRUCTION 6.A.) C T Corporation System	B. Federal ID/social security # of registered agent 51-000-6522
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- C. Address of registered agent in **NORTH DAKOTA** which may not only be a post office box number (Street/RR, and PO Box if applicable, city, state, zip+4) **314 East Thayer Avenue Bismarck, North Dakota 55801-4018**

7. Nature of business or activities the corporation intends to conduct in the State of North Dakota

Provision of telecommunications services throughout the State of North Dakota.

8. OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS OF THE CORPORATION		COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS				
OFFICE	Check box if officer also serves as director	NAME	Street/RR	PO Box	City	State Zip+4
PRESIDENT	<input type="checkbox"/>	Leo A. Wrobel, Jr.	1510 N. Hampton Rd.	Ste 120	DeSoto, TX	75115
VICE PRESIDENT	<input type="checkbox"/>					
SECRETARY	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sharon M. Wrobel	1510 N. Hampton Rd.	Ste 120	DeSoto, TX	75115
TREASURER	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sharon M. Wrobel	1510 N. Hampton Rd.	Ste 120	DeSoto, TX	75115
DIRECTOR						
DIRECTOR						

9. The undersigned, a person authorized by the corporation to sign this application, knows the contents thereof, and believes the statements made to be true.

Leo A. Wrobel, Jr. 1/3/7/00
 Original signature Date

10. Name of person to contact about this application
Sharon McDonald Daytime telephone #
(301) 699-5300



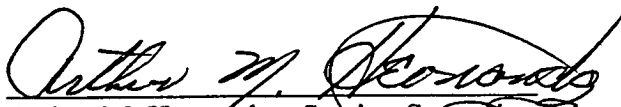
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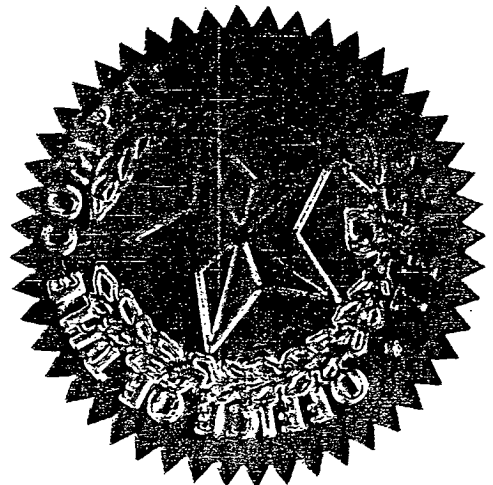
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I, Arthur M. Hernandez, Section Supervisor of the Open Records/Disclosure Division of the Comptroller of Public Accounts of the State of Texas, DO HEREBY CERTIFY AND ATTEST, as custodian of franchise tax documents, that according to the records of this office, Premiere Network Services, Inc., taxpayer number 1-75-2114047-9 is in good standing through May 15, 2000.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREBY, I have hereunto signed my name officially and caused to be impressed hereon the seal of my office on this 23rd day of February, 2000.


Arthur M. Hernandez, Section Supervisor
Open Records/Disclosure Division
Comptroller of Public Accounts



AMH:jr



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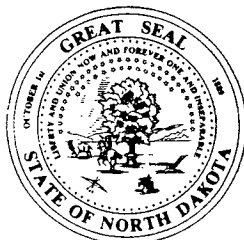
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Date

State of North Dakota

SECRETARY OF STATE



CERTIFICATE OF GOOD STANDING

OF

PREMIERE NETWORK SERVICES, INC.

The undersigned, as Secretary of State of the State of North Dakota, hereby certifies that PREMIERE NETWORK SERVICES, INC., a Texas corporation, authorized to transact business in the State of North Dakota on March 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

PREMIERE NETWORK SERVICES, INC.

Issued: December 20, 2000

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Alvin A. Jaeger".

Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State

EXHIBIT 2

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Premiere considers its financial information to be confidential and proprietary information. Financial information is filed with a protective order motion and has been submitted for filing in a sealed envelope and marked as highly sensitive material.

EXHIBIT 3

PROPOSED LOCAL TARIFF

Tariff Schedules
Applicable to
Intrastate Local Exchange
Telephone Services
of
Premiere Network Services, Inc.

Issued:
Issued by: Leo A. Wrobel, President
1510 North Hampton Road, Suite 120
De Soto, TX 75115

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PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

Premiere Network Services, Inc. (the "Company") has been granted authority by the North Dakota Public Service Commission ("Commission") to provide resold and facilities-based competitive local exchange, interLATA, and non-local exchange intraLATA services within the State of North Dakota. This tariff schedule contains effective rates and rules together with information relating to and applicable to intrastate local exchange service provided by the Company in North Dakota.

SYMBOLS USED IN THIS TARIFF

- (C) To signify changed listing, rule, or condition which may affect rates or charges.
- (D) To signify discontinued material, including listing, rate, rule or condition.
- (I) To signify an increase.
- (L) To signify material relocated from or to another part of tariff schedule with no change in text, rate, rule or condition.
- (N) To signify new material including listing, rate, rule or condition.
- (R) To signify reduction.
- (T) To signify change in wording of text but not change in rate, rule, or condition.

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SERVICE AREA MAP

The Company provides competitive local exchange service in North Dakota within the service territories of U S West (North Dakota). The Company concurs in and hereby incorporates by this reference all current and effective service territory and local exchange boundary maps filed with the North Dakota Public Service Commission by U S West (North Dakota).

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RULES

Rule 1 - Definitions

Unless the context otherwise requires or, in the case of a special contract, other definitions apply, the following definitions govern the meaning of terms used in this tariff and in special contract for local exchange service.

Applicant: The term "Applicant" means an individual, partnership, corporation, association, or government agency who applies to the Company for any new or additional telephone service.

Base Rate Area: The term "base rate area" means a closely built up section of an exchange area as shown in the effective and current tariffs of the Incumbent LECs.

Business Hours: The phrase "business hours" means the time after 8:00 A.M. and before 5:00 P.M., Monday through Friday excluding holidays.

Commission: The term "Commission" means the North Dakota Public Service Commission.

Company: The term "Company" or "Utility" means Premiere Network Services, Inc.

Day: The term "Day," when used for purposes of applying rates, means 8:00a.m. to 5:00p.m., Monday through Friday, including Legal Holidays.

Delinquent or Delinquency: The terms "delinquent" and "delinquency" refer to an account for which payment has not been paid in full on or before the last day for timely payment.

Evening: The term "Evening," when used for purposes of applying rates, means 5:00p.m. to 11:00p.m., Monday through Friday, including Holidays.

RULES (Cont'd)Rule 1 - Definitions (Cont'd)

Holiday: The term "Holiday" means New Year's Day (January 1), Washington's Birthday (3rd Monday in February), Independence Day (July 4), Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day (December 25).

Incumbent LEC: The term "Incumbent LEC" means any of the following local exchange carriers: U S West (North Dakota) and SBC.

Local Calling Area: The term "Local Calling Area" means either: (i) rate area in which the Subscriber's premises is located, as shown in the current and effective tariffs of the Incumbent LECs; or (ii) the extended service areas in which the Subscriber's premises is located, as shown in the current and effective tariffs of the Incumbent LECs.

Local Access Transport Area ("LATA"): The phrase "Local Access Transport Area" means a geographical area established by the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia in Civil Action No. 820192.

Major Rate Increase: The term "major rate increase" means an increase that is not a Minor Rate Increase.

Minor Rate Increase: The term "minor rate increase" means an increase that, on a cumulative basis with other increases that took effect within the prior 12 months, is both less than 1% of the Company's total intrastate revenue and less than 5% of the affected service's rates.

Night: The term "Night," when used for purposes of applying rates, means 11:00p.m. to 8:00a.m., Monday through Friday, including Holidays.

Non-Published or Unlisted Service: The term "non-published" or "unlisted" service means service that is not accompanied by inclusion of the Subscriber's name, address, or telephone number in a published directory or directory assistance data base.

Subscriber: The term "Subscriber" means the firm, company, corporation, or other entity that contracts for service under this tariff or a special contract and that is responsible for the payment of charges as well as compliance with the Company's regulations pursuant to this tariff.

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Rule 2 - Description of Service

A. The Company provides business local exchange telephone services between points within the base rate areas of local exchanges served by the Incumbent LECs as shown on the Company's maps contained herein or as incorporated by reference herein.

B. Demarcation

The Company does not undertake, by this tariff, to provide, maintain, repair, or operate any wiring, equipment, facilities, or service on the Subscriber's side of the point of demarcation as specified in the demarcation tariff schedules of Incumbent LEC's.

RULES (Cont'd)Rule 3 - Application for Service

- A. Applicants requesting new or additional services from the Company may be required to provide identification acceptable to the Company. In addition, Applicants may be required to meet credit or deposit requirements as set forth in this tariff.
- B. At the time of all initial contacts for service, Applicants will be informed of the basic services available to the class of Subscriber to which the Applicant belongs. In addition, Applicants will be informed of their right to request blocking of access to 900 and 976 pay-per-call information services.
- C. In the event the Company accepts an oral or written request for service, the Company will, within 10 days of initiating the service order, provide a confirmation letter setting forth a brief description of the services ordered and itemizing all charges that will appear on the customer's bill. The letter will be in the language in which the sale was made.
- D. Within 10 days of initiating service, the Company will provide all new Subscribers with a written statement of all material terms and conditions that could affect what the Subscriber pays for local exchange services provided by the Company.
- E. Applicants whose requests for service are accepted by the Company are responsible for all charges for services provided by the Company, including any charges to the Company assessed by any underlying carrier for special arrangements or services undertaken on the Applicant's behalf. In the event an Applicant cancels, changes, defers, or modifies any request for service before the service commences, the Applicant remains responsible for any non-recoverable costs incurred by the Company in meeting the Applicant's request prior to cancellation, change, deferral, or modification, including any charges to the Company assessed by any underlying carrier for special arrangements or services undertaken on the Applicant's behalf. Notwithstanding the foregoing, an Applicant will not be liable for any charges or non-recoverable costs that were not disclosed to the Applicant by the Company before initiating service.
- F. Applicants who are denied service due to failure to establish credit or pay a deposit will be given the reason for the denial in writing within 10 days of the denial of service.

RULES (Cont'd)

Rule 4 - ICB Contracts

- A. Deviations from the rates, terms, and conditions specified in this tariff schedule are not permitted except by special contract.
- B. Each contract shall be provided on a non-discriminatory basis and shall include provisions for term of contract and the ICB pricing.

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RULES (Cont'd)Rule 5 - Special Information Required on FormsA. Customer Bills

The Company will be identified on each bill. Each bill will prominently display a toll-free number for service or billing inquiries, along with an address where the Subscriber may write. If the Company uses a billing agent, the Company will also include the name of the billing agent. Each bill for telephone service will contain notations concerning the following areas:

- (1) When to pay the bill;
- (2) Billing detail including the period of service covered by the bill;
- (3) Late payment charge and when applied;
- (4) How to pay the bill;
- (5) Questions about the bill;
- (6) Network access for interstate calling;
- (7) In addition to the above, each bill will include the following statement:

"This bill is now due and payable; it becomes subject to a late payment charge if not paid within 15 calendar days of the due date, which is the date of mailing, as shown by the postmark on the billing envelope, or such later date as shown on the bill itself. Should you question this bill, please request an explanation from the Company.

"If you believe you have been billed incorrectly you may file a complaint with the Department of Public Utility Control, Consumer Assistance, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, CT 06051. The Department may also be reached toll-free within North Dakota at 1-800-382-4586 or 860-827-2622 from out of state.

RULES (Cont'd)

Rule 5 - Special Information Required on Forms (Cont'd)

B. Deposit Receipts

Each deposit receipt shall contain the following provisions:

"This deposit, less the amount of any unpaid bills for service furnished by the Company, shall be refunded, together with any interest due, within 30 calendar days after the discontinuance of service, or after 12 months of service, whichever comes first. However, deposits may not receive interest if the customer has received a minimum of two notices of discontinuance of service for nonpayment of bills in a 12-month period."

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Rule 6 - Establishment and Reestablishment of Credit

Each Applicant must provide credit information satisfactory to the Company or pay a deposit.

A. A deposit will not be required if:

1. The Applicant provides a credit history acceptable to the Company. Credit information contained in an Applicant's account record may include, without limitation, account establishment date, 'can-be-reached' number, name of employer, employer's address, driver's license number or other acceptable personal identification, billing name, and location of current and previous service. Credit will not be denied for failure to provide a social security number.

or

2. A cosigner or guarantor with a credit history acceptable to the Company agrees in writing to be responsible for all charges.

B. The Company will not refuse a deposit to establish credit for service. However, the Company may request the deposit to be in cash or another acceptable form of payment (e.g., cashier's check, money order, bond, letter of credit.)

RULES (Cont'd)Rule 7 - Deposits and Advance PaymentsA. Deposits:

1. Requirement: The Company may require an Applicant or an existing Subscriber who fails to establish a satisfactory credit history to post a deposit as a guarantee for the payment of charges as a condition to receiving service or additional services. The Company reserves the right to review an Applicant's or Subscriber's credit history at anytime to determine if a deposit is required.
2. Amount: The amount of the deposit will not exceed twice the estimated average bill for the class of service applied for.
3. Nondiscrimination: Deposit requirements will not be based on race, sex, creed, national origin, marital status, age, number of dependents, condition of physical handicap, source of income, or geographical area of business.
4. Refund or Credit: The Company will refund the deposit, less the amount of any unpaid bills for service furnished by the Company, together with any interest due, within 30 calendar days after the discontinuance of service, or after 12 months of service, whichever comes first.
5. Interest: Interest on deposits are calculated in conformance with the deposit index as defined in Section 16-262j(d) of the North Dakota General Statutes and rounded to the nearest one-tenth of one percentage point, except that in no event shall the rate be less than one and one-half percent. Interest shall be credited semi-annually to the service account of the Subscriber or paid upon return of the deposit, which ever occurs first.

B. Advance Payments:

1. At the time an application for service is made, an Applicant may be required to pay an amount equal to one month's service charges and applicable service connection charges. The amount of the first month's service charges and applicable service connection charges will be credited to the Subscriber's account on the first bill rendered.
2. Negotiation of a Subscriber's advance payment shall not itself obligate the Company to provide services or continue to provide service if a later check of Applicant's credit record is unacceptable to the Company and no deposit has been tendered. In the event that service is not provided, the advance payment will be refunded.

RULES (Cont'd)Rule 8 - NoticesA. General

1. Unless otherwise provided by these Rules, any notice by the Company to a Subscriber must be given by written notice mailed to the Subscriber's last known address. Where written notice is given, the notice will be of a legible size and printed in type having a minimum point size of 10. Mailed notices will be deemed given on the date of mailing as shown by the postmark on the notice or envelope that contains the notice.
2. Unless otherwise provided by these Rules, any notice by a Subscriber or its authorized representative may be given verbally to the Company by telephone or at the Company's business office or by written notice mailed to the Company's business office.

B. Rate Information

Rate information and information regarding the terms and conditions of service will be provided in writing upon request by an Applicant or Subscriber. Notice of major increases in rates will be provided in writing to Subscribers and postmarked at least 30 days prior to the effective date of the increase. No customer notice is required for minor rate increases or for rate decreases. Subscribers will be advised of optional service plans in writing as they become available. In addition, Subscribers will be advised of changes to the terms and conditions of service no later than the Company's next billing cycle.

C. Discontinuance of Service

1. Subscribers are responsible for notifying the Company of their desire to discontinue service on or before the date of disconnection. Such notice may be either verbal or written.

RULES (Cont'd)

Rule 8 - Notices (Cont'd)

C. Discontinuance of Service (Cont'd)

2. Notices to discontinue service for nonpayment of bills will be provided in writing by first class mail to the Subscriber not less than 7 calendar days prior to termination. Each notice will include all of the following information:
 - a. The name and address of the Subscriber.
 - b. The amount that is delinquent.
 - c. The date when payment or arrangements for payment must be made in order to avoid termination.
 - d. The procedure the Subscriber may use to request amortization of the unpaid charges.
 - e. The procedure the Subscriber may use to initiate a complaint or to request an investigation concerning service or charges.
 - f. The telephone number of the Company's representative who can provide additional information or institute arrangements for payment.
 - g. The telephone number of the Commission's Consumer Affairs Branch where the Subscriber may direct inquiries.
 - h. Local service may not be discontinued for nonpayment of Category III or other unregulated competitive services.

D. Change of Ownership or Identity

The Company will notify Subscribers in writing of a change in ownership or identity in the Company's next monthly billing cycle.

RULES (Cont'd)

Rule 8 - Notices (Cont'd)

E. Privacy

The Company will, in accordance with the provisions below, furnish Subscribers with a written description of how it handles Subscribers' private information and a disclosure of any ways that such information might be used or transferred that would not otherwise be obvious to the Subscriber. This information will be provided at the time service is initiated and annually thereafter.

Disclosure of Telephone Numbers During 800, 888 and 900 Calls

The Company will provide an annual written notice to all Subscribers that use of 800, 888, and 900 numbers may result in disclosure of the Subscriber's telephone number to the called party.

RULES (Cont'd)

Rule 8 - Notices (Cont'd)

F. Other

On request, the Company will provide each Applicant and Subscriber with the following information:

1. The Commission identification number or its registration to operate as a telecommunications corporation within North Dakota.
2. The address and telephone number of the Commission to verify its authority to operate.
3. A copy of the Consumer Protection Regulations adopted by the Commission applicable to local exchange services provided by the Company.
4. A toll-free number to call for service or billing inquiries, along with an address where the Applicant or Subscriber may write the Company.
5. A full disclosure of all fictitious names under which the Company operates.
6. The names of billing agents the Company uses in place of performing the billing function itself.

RULES (Cont'd)Rule 9 - Rendering and Payment of Bills

- A. Subscribers' bills are issued monthly. The Subscriber will receive bills on or about the same day of each month. Months are presumed to have 30 days. The billing date is dependent on the billing cycle assigned to the Subscriber. Each bill contains monthly recurring charges billed in advance, usage charges billed in arrears, and the last date for timely payment. Recurring charges will be prorated in the event that the service for which the charges are made is less than 30 days.
- B. Bills are due and payable as specified on the bill. Bills may be paid by mail or in person at the Company's business office or an agency authorized to receive such payment. All charges for service are payable only in United States currency. Payment may be made by cash, check, money order, or cashier's check.
- C. Subscribers' payments are considered prompt when received by the Company or its agent within 15 days of the due date. Payments will be credited within 24 hours of receipt by the Company or its agent. The due date is the date the bill is mailed, as shown by the postmark on the billing envelope, or such later date as set forth on the Subscriber's bill. A Subscriber will have 15 days from the due date to timely pay the charges stated.
- D. However, if a Subscriber's service has been discontinued within the past 12 months or if a Subscriber incurs usage charges during a billing period which are equal to at least 200% of the amount of the Subscriber's deposit or guarantee, payment may be demanded for the usage charges by a telephone call to the Subscriber followed by written notification of such demand sent by first class mail. If the usage charges remain unpaid for five days from the rendition of written notification or a mutually established late payment arrangement date or 30 days from the date of the bill, the usage charge will be deemed delinquent.
- E. Charges deemed delinquent will be subject to a late payment charge accruing at the rate of 1-1/2% per month from the due date on all delinquent amounts.
- F. A bill will not include any previously unbilled charge for service furnished prior to three months immediately preceding the date of the bill, except charges for collect calls, credit card calls, third party calls and "error file" calls (those that cannot be billed due to the unavailability of complete billing information to the Company), which shall have a six-month backbilling period.

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Rule 10 - Disputed Bills

In the event a Subscriber disputes the amount of a bill for the Company's service, the Company will, at the Subscriber's request, conduct an investigation and review of the disputed amount. However, the undisputed portion of the bill must be paid within 15 days of the due date or the Subscriber's service may be subject to disconnection in accordance with the Company's tariff.

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RULES (Cont'd)Rule 11 - Discontinuance and Restoration of ServiceA. Discontinuance by Subscribers

1. Subscribers may discontinue service by giving the Company proper notice as specified in Rule 8, section C.1. The subscriber is responsible for payment of all charges incurred for the period during which service is rendered.
2. No minimum or termination charge will apply if service is terminated because of condemnation, destruction, or damage to the property by fire or other causes beyond the control of the Subscriber.

B. Discontinuance by the Company

1. The Company may discontinue service under the following circumstances:
 - (i) Nonpayment of any sum due to the Company for service more than 15 days beyond the due date. In the event an action is brought for nonpayment, the nonprevailing party may be liable for reasonable court costs and attorney's fees as determined by the Commission or by the court.
 - (ii) A violation of, or failure to comply with, any regulation governing the furnishing of service.
 - (iii) In accordance with the provisions of Rule 16.
 - (iv) Failure to post a required deposit or guarantee.
 - (v) In the event that the Subscriber supplied false or inaccurate information of a material nature in order to obtain service.
 - (vi) Incurring charges not covered by a deposit or guarantee and evidencing an intent not to pay such charges when due.
 - (vii) Any violation of the conditions governing the furnishing of service.
2. Service may be discontinued during business hours on or after the date specified in the notice of discontinuance, which date will be at least 7 days after such notice is given. Service will not be discontinued on a Saturday, Sunday, legal holiday, or any other day when the Company's offices are not available to facilitate reconnection of service.

RULES (Cont'd)

Rule 11 - Discontinuance and Restoration of Service (Cont'd)

C. Restoration of Service

The Company will restore service to a Subscriber upon full payment of all amounts due and the Subscriber's payment of a deposit or reestablishment of credit. However, the Company may refuse to accept a personal check if the Subscriber's check for payment of service has been dishonored, excepting bank error, within the last twelve months. The Company will impose a charge for restoration of service after disconnection in accordance with its tariff.

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Rule 12 - Information to be Provided to the Public

- A. A copy of this tariff schedule will be available for public inspection during regular business hours in the Company's business office.
- B. A copy of this tariff will be provided by the Company on request upon payment of a nominal fee to cover postage and copying costs.

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Rule 13 - Continuity of Service

In the event that the Company has advance knowledge of an interruption of service for a period exceeding 24 hours, the Company will attempt to notify Subscribers in writing at least one week in advance.

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RULES (Cont'd)Rule 14 - Limitation of LiabilityA. Liability of the Company

1. The provisions of this rule do not apply to errors and omissions caused by willful misconduct, fraudulent conduct, or violations of law.
2. In the event an error or omission is caused by the gross negligence of the Company, the liability of the Company shall be limited to and in no event exceed the sum of \$10,000.
3. The Company will not provide a credit allowance for interruptions of service caused by the Subscriber's facilities, equipment, or systems.
4. Except as provided in section A.3, the liability of the Company for damages arising out of mistakes, omissions, interruptions, delays, errors, or defects in any of the services or facilities furnished by the Company under this tariff up to and including its local loop demarcation point, including exchange, toll, private line, supplemental equipment, alphabetical directory listings (excluding the use of bold face type), and all other services, shall in no event exceed an amount equal to the pro rated charges to the Subscriber for the period during which the services or facilities are affected by the mistake, omission, interruption, delay, error, or defect, provided, however, that where any mistake, omission, interruption, delay, error, or defect in any one service or facility affects or diminishes the value of any other service said liability shall include such diminution, but in no event shall the liability exceed the total amount of the charges to the Subscriber for all services or facilities for the period affected by the mistake, omission, interruption, delay, error, or defect.
5. The following allowances are provided for interruptions in service, as specified for particular services furnished solely by the Company:

The Company shall allow for interruptions in exchange telephone service of 24 hours or more not due to conduct of Customer an amount equal to the fixed monthly charges for exchange service multiplied by the ratio of the days of interruption to thirty days. When interruptions continue beyond 24 hours, credit allowance will be given in successive 24-hour multiples.

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Rule 14 - Limitation of Liability (Cont'd)

A. Liability of the Company (Cont'd)

6. Subject to Section A.3 of this rule, the Company shall allow for errors or omissions in alphabetical telephone directories (excluding the use of bold face type) an amount within the following limits:
 - a. For listings in alphabetical telephone directories furnished without additional charge, an amount not in excess of the minimum monthly charge to the Customer for exchange service during the effective life of the directory in which the error occurred.
 - b. For listings and lines of information in alphabetical telephone directories furnished at additional charge, an amount not in excess of the charge to the Customer for exchange service during the period the error or omission occurred.
 - c. For listings in information records furnished without additional charge, an amount not in excess of the minimum monthly charge to the Customer for exchange service during the period the error or omission continued.
 - d. For listings in information records furnished at additional charge, an amount not in excess of the charge for the listing during the period the error or omission continued.
 - e. For listings in telephone directories furnished in connection with mobile telephone service, an amount not in excess of the guarantee and fixed charges for the service during the effective life of the directory in which the error occurred.
7. The Company shall have the right to make necessary repairs or changes in its facilities at any time and will have the right to suspend or interrupt service temporarily for the purpose of making the necessary repairs or changes in its system. When such suspension or interruption of service for any appreciable period is necessary, the Company will give the Customers who may be affected as reasonable notice thereof as circumstances will permit, and will prosecute the work with reasonable diligence, and if practicable at times that will cause the least inconvenience.

When the Company is repairing or changing its facilities, it shall take appropriate precautions to avoid unnecessary interruptions of conversation or Customers' service.
8. The Company shall not be liable for errors in transmitting, receiving, or delivering oral messages by telephone over the lines of the Company and connecting utilities.

RULES (Cont'd)

Rule 15 - Use of Service for Unlawful Purposes

The Company's services are furnished subject to the condition that they will not be used for any unlawful purpose. Service will not be furnished if any law enforcement agency, acting within its jurisdiction, advises that such services are being used or are likely to be used in violation of the law. If the Company receives other evidence giving reasonable cause to believe that such services are being or are likely to be so used, it will either discontinue or deny the services or refer the matter to the appropriate law enforcement agency.

Any individual who uses or receives the Company's service, other than under the provisions of an accepted application for service and a current Subscriber relationship, may be liable for both the tariffed cost of the service received and the Company's cost of investigation and collection as determined by a court.

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RULES (Cont'd)Rule 16 - Change of Service ProviderA. Solicitation of Customer Authorization for Service Termination and Transfer

Solicitations by the Company or other carriers, or their agents, of Subscriber authorization for termination of service with an existing carrier and the subsequent transfer to a new carrier must include current rate information on the new carrier and information regarding the terms and conditions of service with the new carrier. All such solicitations must be legible and printed in a minimum point size type of at least 10 points. A penalty or fine may apply for each violation of this rule.

B. Unauthorized Service Termination and Transfer

The Company or other carrier, as applicable, will be held liable for both the unauthorized termination of service with an existing carrier and the subsequent transfer to its own service. The Company and other carriers are responsible for the actions of their respective agents that solicit unauthorized service termination and transfers. If the Company or other carrier engages in such unauthorized activity, the Company or other carrier, as applicable, shall restore the Subscriber's service to the original carrier without charge to the Subscriber. All billings during the unauthorized service period shall be refunded to the applicant or Subscriber. A penalty or fine payable to the Commission may apply to each violation of this rule. If the Company or other carrier engages in such unauthorized activity, the Company or other carrier, as applicable, shall reimburse the original carrier for reestablishing service at the tariff rate of the original carrier.

RULES (Cont'd)

Rule 17 - 911 Emergency Service

End users may access 911 emergency service over the Company's facilities at no charge to Subscribers or end users.

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Rule 18 - Returned Check Charge

- A. If a check for payment of any deposit, advance, or charge is returned to the Company by the bank, for any reason other than bank error, a Returned Check Charge of \$25.00 will added to the amount due.
- B. If telephone service is disconnected or suspended for nonpayment as a result of a returned check, the Returned Check Charge, as well as any other applicable charges, must be paid before service will be re-established.
- C. If a check received as a deposit or advance payment to establish service is returned, establishment of service will be denied until the amount of the returned check and the Returned Check Charge is paid, or, if already connected, the service will be discontinued until the Returned Check Charge and other amounts applicable to discontinuance and reestablishment of service are paid.

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RULES (Cont'd)Rule 19 - Discounts for Qualifying Public Service Agencies

The Company may provide certain services at discounted rates to qualified public service agencies. The provision of discounted services is contingent on the continued availability to the Company of funding from the Commission. Eligibility criteria and the identification of services and discounts available under this rule are as specified below.

1. Qualifying Schools and Libraries

Public or nonprofit schools providing elementary or secondary education, and which do not have endowments of more than \$50 million, and libraries that are eligible for participation in state-based plans for funds under Title III of the Library Services and Construction Act (20 U.S.C § 335c, et seq.), shall be entitled to receive, if offered by the Company under its tariff at the time service is requested, measured business service, switched 56, Integrated Services Digital Network ("ISDN"), T-1 services, or DS-3, or their functional equivalents at rates that are 50% below the tariff rates charged to other business for those services. There is no limit on the number of subsidized lines that a qualifying school or library may have. For the purposes of this rule, Basic Business Service, Facilities Based Business Service, and Direct Digital Telephone Service are deemed to be functional equivalents to one or more of such services.¹

2. Qualifying Hospitals and Health Clinics

Municipal and county government owned and operated hospitals and health clinics shall be entitled to receive, if offered by the Company under its tariff at the time service is requested, switched 56, ISDN, T-1 services, or DS-3, or their functional equivalents at rates that are 20% below the tariff rates charged to other businesses for those services.¹

¹ Services provided at discounted rates may not be resold to, or shared with, any non-qualifying entity or person.

RULES (Cont'd)

Rule 19 - Discounts for Qualifying Public Service Agencies (Cont'd)

3. Qualifying Community Based Organizations

Organizations described in 26 U.S.C. §§ 501(c)(3) or 501(d) that offer health care, job training, job placement, or educational instruction shall, upon furnishing proof of such qualifications, be entitled to receive, if offered by the Company under its tariff at the time service is requested, switched 56, ISDN, or T-1 services, or their functional equivalents at rates that are 25% below the tariff rates charged to other businesses for that service. Such organizations shall be limited to a total number of: two switched 56 lines or their functional equivalents; two ISDN lines or their functional equivalents; one switched 56 line or its functional equivalent and one ISDN line or its functional equivalent; or one T-1 line or its functional equivalent.¹

¹ Services provided at discounted rates may not be resold to, or shared with, any non-qualifying entity or person.

TAXES AND SURCHARGES

In addition to the charges specifically pertaining to the Company's services, whether set forth herein or established by special contract, certain federal, state, and municipal surcharges, taxes, and fees will be applied. These surcharges, taxes and fees are calculated based upon the amount billed to the end user for the Company's intrastate telecommunications services.

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SECTION 1 BASIC SERVICES

A-1 Service Charges

- 4. **Connection Charge:** A non-recurring charge which applies to the installation of new service, the transfer of an existing service to a direct location or a change from one class of service to another at the same or a different location. Connection Charges are listed with each service to which they apply.
- 5. **Service Restore Charge:** A non-recurring charge applying each time service is reconnected after suspension or termination for nonpayment but before cancellation of service.

A-2 Basic Business Service

1. Applicability

These rates are applicable to business service.

2. Territory

Within the base rate areas of all exchanges served by the Company.

3. Rates

- 4. **Flat Rate Service, monthly recurring charge:**

Rate Class 1	\$ 26.02
Rate Class 2	\$ 28.74
Rate Class 3	\$ 31.35

Service Establishment, non-recurring charge:¹ \$ 51.22

- b. **PBX Truck, monthly recurring charge:**

Rate Class 1	\$ 32.72
Rate Class 2	\$ 35.96
Rate Class 3	\$ 39.26

Service Establishment, non-recurring charge:¹ \$ 51.22

Usage Charges (per minute):

- (1) Day Rate \$ 0.0300
- (2) Evening Rate \$ 0.0195
- (3) Night Rate \$ 0.0150

SECTION 1 BASIC SERVICES (Cont'd)

A-2 Basic Business Service

3. Rates (Cont'd)

c. Stand-By Line, monthly recurring charge:

Rate Class 1	\$ 13.63
Rate Class 2	\$ 14.76
Rate Class 3	\$ 16.10

Service Establishment, non-recurring charge:¹\$ 51.81

Usage Charges(per call): \$ 0.135

Call Allowance: 90

d. Hunting Service Charge

Installation Charge (non-recurring): \$ ICB

(Per line arranged for hunting, per month): \$ ICB

SECTION 1 BASIC SERVICES (Cont'd)

A-3 Business PBX Trunk Service

1. Applicability

These rates are applicable to business basic PBX trunk services.

2. Territory

Within the base rate areas of all exchanges served by the Company.

3. Rates

a. Monthly Recurring Charges:

20 DID Station Numbers	\$ 2.90
DID Trunk Termination, First Trunk	\$ 43.78

b. Non-recurring Charges:

20 DID Station Numbers	\$ 19.44
DID Trunk Termination, First Trunk	\$ 48.65

In addition to the Non-recurring Charges listed below, Service Order Charges apply as described in this tariff.

c. Usage:

Basic Business Service usage rates apply.

d. Hunting Service Charge

Installation Charge (non-recurring):	\$ ICB
(Per trunk line arranged for hunting, per month):	\$ ICB

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SECTION 1 BASIC SERVICES (Cont'd)

A-4 Business Direct Inward Dialing Service

1. Applicability

These rates are applicable to direct inward dialing service to PBX systems.

2. Territory

Within the base rate areas of all exchanges served by the Company.

3. Rates

	<u>Nonrecurring Charge</u>	<u>Monthly Rate</u>
First 200 DID station numbers (per each 100 numbers in same trunk group, per service order):	\$ ICB	\$ ICB
Over 200 DID station numbers (per each 100 numbers in same trunk group, per service order):	\$ ICB	\$ ICB
Block of 20 DID station numbers in the same trunk group:	\$ ICB	\$ ICB
Change Charge to remove or add numbers within a block of DID numbers:	\$ ICB	None
Circuit termination (per trunk in each trunk group)		\$ ICB

SECTION 1 BASIC SERVICES (Cont'd)

A-4 Business Direct Inward Dialing Service (Cont'd)

4. Special Terms and Conditions

- a. DID service must be provided on all lines in each trunk group arranged. Each DID trunk group will be considered a separate service. If non-DID trunks are furnished, they must be in a separate trunk group from the DID service trunks.
- b. PBX Trunk Service, provided in accordance with this tariff, is required in sufficient quantities to meet traffic demands. Charges for such service are in addition to charges for DID service.

SECTION 1 BASIC SERVICES (Cont'd)

A-5 Residential Service (Cont'd)

3. Rates (Cont'd)

c. Combo Line, monthly recurring charge:

Rate Class 1	\$ 18.00
Rate Class 2	\$ 18.00
Rate Class 3	\$ 18.00

Service Establishment, non-recurring charge:¹\$ 30.89

Usage Charges(per call): \$ 0.135

Call Allowance: 30

d. Hunting Service Charge

Installation Charge (non-recurring): \$ ICB

(Per line arranged for hunting, per month): \$ ICB

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SECTION 1 BASIC SERVICES (Cont'd)

A-6 Residential Lifeline Service

1. Special Terms and Conditions

- a. Lifeline service is provided only to the Subscriber's principal residence. The Subscriber's principal residence comprises the entire portion of the Subscriber's house, flat, apartment, or other dwelling place that is occupied by the Subscriber's family that functions, or individuals who along with the Subscriber function, as a single domestic enterprise. A room or portion of such a dwelling place that is occupied exclusively by an individual who is not part of the domestic enterprise residing in the remainder of the dwelling place may be considered a separate residence for purposes of establishing that individual's eligibility for Lifeline service.
- b. The principal residence of a Subscriber to Lifeline service must not be served by more than one local exchange telephone line.

SECTION 1 BASIC SERVICES (Cont'd)A-6 Residential Lifeline Service (Cont'd)1. Special Terms and Conditions (Cont'd)

- c. The Subscriber's total household income for the fiscal year in which Lifeline service is provided, including the income of all family members and other individuals who are functioning along with the Subscriber as a single domestic enterprise, must not exceed the following limits:

<u>Household Size</u>	<u>Income Limitation</u>
1-2	\$17,750
3	\$20,910
4	\$25,090
Each Additional Member	\$4,180

No person who is claimed as a dependent on another person's income tax return is eligible for Lifeline service. The Subscriber's total household income is subject to verification by the Commission or by the Company.

- d. Subscribers to and Applicants for Lifeline service must certify, on a form to be provided by the Company, at the time the initial application for Lifeline service is made and annually thereafter or at any time the eligibility criteria for Lifeline service change, that they meet the eligibility criteria established herein. Such certification must be provided to the Company before Lifeline service will be provided. The Company will mail new certification forms to Lifeline Subscribers annually and at any other time the eligibility criteria change. In the event the Company does not receive a Subscriber's certification of eligibility within 60 days of the date the new forms are mailed by the Company, the Subscriber's service will be changed to Basic Residential Measured Service (for Subscribers to measured service) or to Residential Flat Rate Service (for subscribers to flat rate service). In such case, no change charge will apply.

SECTION 1 BASIC SERVICES (Cont'd)A-6 Residential Lifeline Service (Cont'd)1. Special Terms and Conditions (Cont'd)

- e. No deposit or other form of security will be required of an Applicant for Lifeline service unless the Applicant has an unpaid final residential telephone service bill over 45 days old for service provided by any North Dakota local exchange carrier. Any Applicant who was previously a Subscriber of the Company and who owes any amount to the Company for residential service will be required to pay the entire unpaid balance as well as establish credit before service will be provided. A Subscriber whose service has been discontinued for nonpayment of the Company's bills will be required to pay any unpaid balance due the Company for service to the premises at which service is to be restored, to pay a reconnection charge, and to pay a deposit before service is restored.
- f. Subscribers to Lifeline service must notify the Company when they no longer qualify for Lifeline service or if the service no longer meets the household's needs. Upon receipt of such notification, the Company will change the service to the regular tariffed rates for the service furnished. No charge will be applicable for this change in service.
- g. If the Company discovers that conditions exist that cause the Subscriber not to qualify for Lifeline service, the Subscriber will be notified that the service will be converted to regular tariffed rates, retroactive to the latest date for which the Subscriber can establish eligibility. If the Subscriber cannot establish eligibility, the Company will back bill the customer to the date the Subscriber last submitted certification or re-certification of eligibility. The amount billed will be the difference between the Lifeline service rate and the regular tariffed rate, excluding usage, and will include nonrecurring charges, if applicable. In addition, the Subscriber will be subject to normal deposit requirements. No charge will be applicable for this change in service.

SECTION 2 CUSTOM CALLING SERVICES

A-1 Features

Custom Calling Features may be offered subject to availability from the underlying carrier:

1. Call Forwarding

Call Forwarding allows for the automatic forwarding (transfer) of all incoming calls to another telephone number. The line can be restored to normal operation at any time.

Busy Call Forwarding allows the forwarding of incoming calls when the line is busy. The forwarded number is fixed by the service order.

Delayed call Forwarding allows the forwarding of incoming calls when the line remains unanswered after a present number of rings. The number of rings and the forwarded number are fixed by the service order.

Select Call Forwarding allows the automatic forwarding (transfer) of calls from up to ten preselected numbers to another telephone number. The line can be restored to normal operation at any time.

Remote Access Call Forwarding allows the activation and deactivation of the Call Forwarding feature and changes to the forwarded number to number from a location other than where the service is located.

2. Call Waiting

Call Waiting sends a tone signal while a call is in progress to indicate a second call is waiting; and by operation of the switchhook, to place the first call on hold and answer the waiting call. Operation of the switchhook permits passage back and forth between the two calls, but a three-way call cannot be established.

Cancel Call Waiting allows the dialing of an activation code prior to making a call, to cancel the Call Waiting feature. Cancel Call Waiting must be activated each time Call Waiting is canceled.

SECTION 2 CUSTOM CALLING SERVICES (Cont'd)A-1 Features (Cont'd)3. Three-Way Calling

Three-Way Calling allows the addition of a third party to an established connection. When the third party answers, a two-way conversation can be held before adding the original party for a three-way conference. The initiator of the conference controls the call and may disconnect the third party to reestablish the original connection or establish a connection to a different third party. This feature may be used on both incoming and outgoing calls.

4. Priority Ringing

Priority Ringing differentiates incoming calls from up to ten preselected telephone numbers by signaling with a distinctive ringing pattern.

5. Repeat Dialing

Repeat Dialing allows calls to be automatically redialed when the first attempt reaches an busy number. The line is checked every 45 seconds for up to 30 minutes and alerts the originating telephone line with a distinctive ringing pattern when the busy number and the originating line are free.

6. Call Screening

Call Screening allows the automatic blocking of incoming calls from up to ten preselected telephone numbers. The list of numbers can be changed at any time. Callers whose numbers have been blocked will hear a recorded message and no usage charges will apply.

7. Call Return

Call Return allows the return of a call to the last incoming call whether answered or not. Upon activation, it will redial the number automatically and continue to check the number every 45 seconds for up to 30 minutes if the number is busy. A distinctive ringing pattern signals when the busy number is free. When answered, the call is then completed. The calling party's number is not delivered or announced to the call recipient.

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SECTION 2 CUSTOM CALLING SERVICES (Cont'd)A-2 Rates and Charges

The following monthly rates are in addition to the rates and charges for

Call Forwarding:	<u>Non-Recurring Charge</u>	<u>Monthly Rate</u>
Selective Call Forwarding:		
- each residential line	\$0.00	\$3.00
- each business line	\$0.00	\$5.00
Don't Answer (Expanded) Call Forwarding:		
- each residential line	\$0.00	\$2.60
- each business line	\$0.00	\$4.50
Remote Access Call Forwarding:		
- each residential line	\$0.00	\$5.00
- each business line	\$0.00	\$7.95
Any change to Busy or Delayed Call Forwarding features:		
- each residential line	\$5.05	
- each business line	\$6.00	
Call Waiting:		
- each residential line	\$0.00	\$5.00
- each business line	\$0.00	\$5.00
Three-Way Calling Speed Calling (8 Code Capacity):		
- each residential line	\$0.00	\$3.50
- each business line	\$0.00	\$4.00
Priority Call:		\$3.50
Last Call Return:		\$2.95
Call Screening:		\$3.00
Call Return:		\$3.00

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SECTION 3 MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES

A-1 Directory Listings; Distribution of Directories

The Company does not publish a directory or provide other similar listings of its Subscribers. However, the Company will arrange for Subscribers, other than Subscribers requesting nonpublished service, to be listed in the directories and directory assistance records of THE incumbent LEC in accordance with their listing service tariff schedules,¹ subject to availability of such listing services to Company's Subscribers. The Company hereby concurs in such schedules on file with the Commission that are current and effective as of the effective date of this tariff sheet. Subscribers are responsible for payment of all rates and compliance with all terms and conditions set forth in such schedules. The Company will distribute or provide for the distribution to each Subscriber, at no charge, one copy of the Incumbent LEC white and yellow pages directory applicable to the location at which the Subscriber receives service.

A-2 Non-Published Service

At the request of the Subscriber, the Subscriber's name, address, and telephone number will not be listed in any directory or directory assistance records available to the public, except that the number may be included in reference listings. However, such information, along with call forwarding information from such numbers, will be released in response to legal process or to certain authorized governmental agencies pursuant to tariff.

Non-Published Service Charge (per line, per month):	\$ 1.20
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SECTION 3 MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES (Cont'd)

A-3 Directory Assistance

Users of the company's calling services (excluding 800 services), may obtain assistance in determining telephone numbers within California by calling the Directory Assistance operator.

Each number requested is charged for as shown below. Requests for information other than telephone numbers will be charged the same rate as shown for the applicable request for telephone numbers.

A Directory Assistance call charged to a calling card or commercial calling card or to a third number will be billed the appropriate operator charge, as specified in this tariff, plus the charge for Directory Assistance.

Non-published telephone numbers are not available from the Directory Assistance service.

- | | <u>Charge</u> ¹ |
|---|----------------------------|
| 1. Directory Assistance (per call): | \$0.85 |
| 2. A credit will be given for calls to Directory Assistance when: | |
| a. the Customer experiences poor transmission or is cut-off during call. | |
| b. the Customer is given an incorrect telephone number, or the Customer inadvertently misdials an incorrect Directory Assistance NPA. | |
| c. to receive a credit, the Customer must notify the Company of the problem experienced. | |

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SECTION 3 MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES (Cont'd)

A-4 900/976 Blocking

1. Applicability

Applicable to all Subscribers of the Company's local exchange service.

2. Territory

Within the base rate areas of all exchanges served by the Company

3. Description

The Company will, upon a Subscriber's request and where technically feasible, block calls placed from the Subscriber's telephone to intrastate 976 numbers and intrastate or interstate 900 numbers, whether directly dialed or placed through operator assisted service provided by the Company's operators. Call Blocking and Remove Call Blocking charges apply as specified below. At central offices where per-line blocking is not technically feasible, all calls to 976 and 900 numbers will be blocked.

The Company may block calls placed from a Subscriber's telephone to intrastate 976 numbers and intrastate or interstate 900 numbers if the Subscriber fails or refuses to pay any charges billed by the Company for calls to such numbers, except for any charges for which adjustments have been granted. Call Blocking and Remove Call Blocking charges apply as specified below.

The Company may block calls placed from a Subscriber's telephone to intrastate 976 numbers and intrastate or interstate 900 numbers if the accrued, unpaid charges to be billed by the Company for calls to such numbers at any time exceeds \$150 and the Company is unable to contact the Subscriber to assure the Subscriber's agreement to pay for such calls. Call Blocking and Remove Call Blocking charges do not apply.

4. Rates

	<u>Non-recurring Charge</u>	<u>Monthly Rate</u>
a. Call Blocking, per line	\$ 10.00	No Charge
b. Remove Call Blocking	\$ 10.00	No Charge

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DISCRIPTION OF CORPORATE STAFF

Leo A. Wrobel has over two decades of experience with a host of firms engaged in banking, brokerage, heavy manufacturing, telecommunications services and government. A noted author and technical futurist, Leo is responsible for many technological firsts, including the first microwave "bypass" shot in Dallas (1985) for the largest mortgage banking company in the country, and the largest telecommunications network ever installed in Texas, for Texas Instruments Incorporated (1993). He was also the first in Dallas to run T1 telephone traffic over a cable television system in an agreement he pioneered in 1985, and recently completed regulatory consulting for a \$25 billion insurance cooperative (1997). He is a former Mayor and City Councilman of a Dallas suburb. A sought-after speaker, Wrobel has lectured throughout the United States and overseas in Israel, South America, and other locations, as well as appearing on several television news programs. A knowledgeable and effective communicator, he has combined his political and technical savvy in repeated engagements in order to get things done, even at the highest policy levels. Wrobel has been President and CEO of Dallas-based Premiere Network Services Inc. since 1986. Prior to this he was Director, Network Planning and Engineering for Lomas and Nettleton and held technical positions at AT&T in its former Long Lines subsidiary. Wrobel holds degrees in *Telecommunications Systems Technology*, *Electronic Systems Technology* and *Business and Public Policy*. An active author and technical futurist, he has published ten books and over 300 trade articles on a wide variety of technical subjects, including: *Understanding Emerging Network Services, Pricing, and Regulation* (© 1995 Artech House Books), and *Managing Emerging Technologies for Competitive Advantage* (© 1995 Computer Economics).

Eddie M. Pope has over 20 years of experience in telephone regulation in various capacities. Most recently he served as Chief of Staff to the Chairman of the Texas Public Utility Commission and now represents Premiere as General Counsel. Mr. Pope was the person responsible for interpreting all legislation as well as drafting regulatory policy for Texas. The recruitment of Eddie Pope puts Premiere in the enviable position of having the individual who literally penned the rules for resale in the second most populated state in the US, on staff and at our disposal. While in private practice, Mr. Pope advised clients throughout the USA, and assisted in several start up corporations. Prior to this, he was Vice President and General Legal Counsel for International Telecharge in Dallas, the largest independent operator services company in the country. Eddie also has previous employment experience with the Texas PUC, the Oklahoma Corporation Commission, and the Oklahoma legislature. Mr. Pope has a Bachelors degree in History from Oklahoma City University, and a JD in law from Oklahoma University. Pope is co-author with Wrobel on a 1995 book *Understanding Emerging Network Services, Pricing and Regulation* (© 1995 Artech House Books) which describes the technical and regulatory policies which Wrobel and Pope pioneered four years ago, and which later influenced telecom policy in Texas. Mr. Pope represents Premiere as General Counsel and also serves with the Austin, Texas based law firm of Clark, Thomas, & Winters.

Harold J. Erbs, Chairman of the Board - Mr. Erbs is co-founder and former CEO of Qwest Companies. He is CEO of Laboratory Tops, Inc., of Taylor TX, a manufacturer of chemically-resistant countertops that operates worldwide. Mr. Erbs also served as a Board of Directors Member to Con Quest Long Distance Company. Mr. Erbs has a BS in Accounting from St. Louis University (1954), and an MBA from the University of Texas.

Archie M. Croom, Board Member - In addition to his degree in engineering, Mr. Croom has broad experience managing national data communications networks for large companies, and has been an independent consultant for a wide variety of clients designing hardware, software, and communications systems.

William (Bill) H. Maybaum, Board Member - Mr. Maybaum, former president of Fidelity Telecommunications, has over 25 years in the communications industry, holding executive positions at Fidelity Investments and The DMW Group. His depth of career experience includes electronic manufacturing, service bureau operations, consulting and financial services. Mr. Maybaum also held executive positions with the DMW Group.

H. Bryan Bonham, Board Member - Mr. Bonham has almost 20 years experience in the telecommunications arena including a variety of assignments with long distance and operator service companies. His experience spans a wide range of topics including switching technology, billing and collection system, and other specialized service arrangements. Bryan also has extensive telecommunications regulatory experience and serves as President and CEO of Washington DC-based CommDev/CDM Education: Bachelor of Science degree in Social and Business Sciences, University of Virginia.

Donald R. Walker, Board Member - Donald R. Walker is a retired Brigadier General, U.S. Air Force and former President of USAA Information Technology Company (ITCO), the world's largest call center, handling 18 million transactions per day. He modernized the phone systems for 28 call centers which handle 165 million calls per year. He computerized and upgraded the print operation to efficiently handle over 200 million pieces of mail yearly. He also successfully transformed and modernized the entire I.T. architecture from a green screen 3270 environment to a 22,000 user state-of-the-art Cisco network. He launched USAA's integrated web site for brokerage and mutual fund trading, auto and homeowner, and on-line shopping capabilities. As a Brigadier General in the Air Force, Don wore two hats in a 2200 person contracting agency responsible for launch and operation of numerous national reconnaissance space systems with \$22 billion in active contracts. He was also responsible for a \$3.5 billion annual budget as Director, Acquisitions and Operations. General Walker led the Advance Development Team charged with developing the post Cold War architecture and acquisition planning for our nation's space-based reconnaissance systems. Education: Whorton Business School, Advanced Executive Education Program (1999), Professional Project Manager Certification, Project Management Institute (1998), Program Manager Executive, Defense Systems Management College (1987), Distinguished Graduate, Air War College, (1985),

MBA, Auburn University (1980), MS Mechanical Engineering, University of Southern California (1971), B.S. Engineering Science, U.S.A.F. Academy, (1966)

T. Scott Atkinson, Advisor to the Board - Mr. Atkinson, President of InfoCom Consulting Services, has over 25 years of experience in engineering and technology. He has developed telecom system plans for both a large petroleum company and a major hospital in Houston. Mr. Atkinson also built and managed Tenneco's nationwide telephone network. A Sr. Member of the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers (IEEE), Mr. Atkinson has a Bachelor's degree in Physics from Texas A&M University - Kingsville (1961), as well as an MBA from Pepperdine University (1979). Additionally, he has done post-graduate work at both the University of Texas - San Antonio (1987-88) and at St. Mary's University (1989).

Gerald (Gerry) Mayfield, Advisor to the Board - Mr. Mayfield has worked for over 30 years in the telecommunications industry. His experience covers a wide range of activities including investing, managing, developing businesses, marketing and consulting. He has served as a Venture Partner with Accel Partners where he advised and developed venture funded companies. Mr. Mayfield has served on the Board of Directors of several companies including an independent telephone company, a software company, an equipment manufacturer and a telecom facilities management firm. He received his Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degrees in Electrical Engineering from Oklahoma

EXHIBIT 5

ACCOUNT LISTING

Account Listing

March 2, 2000

Account	Type
Cash	Bank
Cash:PNSI - Chase-Operating	Bank
Cash:PNSI - Chase-Payroll	Bank
Cash:PNSI - Bank One	Bank
Cash:PNSI - Bank One:Credit Adjustment	Bank
Cash:Petty Cash	Bank
Cash:Undeposited Funds	Bank
Trade Accounts Receivable	Accounts Receivable
Settlement Compensation Rec	Accounts Receivable
Settlement Compensation Rec:Settlement Receivable	Accounts Receivable
Settlement Compensation Rec:Settlement reduction	Accounts Receivable
Payroll Advance	Other Current Asset
Undeposited Funds	Other Current Asset
Inventory Asset	Other Current Asset
Notes Receivable	Other Current Asset
Notes Receivable:NR-Bryan Bonham	Other Current Asset
Notes Receivable:NR-Bill Maybaum	Other Current Asset
Notes Receivable:NR-MaryBeth Granzow	Other Current Asset
Notes Receivable:NR-Sandra Williams	Other Current Asset
Notes Receivable:NR-Harold Erbs	Other Current Asset
Notes Receivable:NR-Sarah Wrobel	Other Current Asset
Notes Receivable:NR-Dave Mowery	Other Current Asset
Notes Receivable:NR-Chavvon Smith	Other Current Asset
Notes Receivable:NR-Jacquetta L. Peace	Other Current Asset
Notes Receivable:NR-Archie Croom	Other Current Asset
Notes Receivable:NR-Sharon Wrobel	Other Current Asset
Notes Receivable:NR-Leo Wrobel	Other Current Asset
Receivable from Shareholder	Other Current Asset
Receivable from Shareholder:Advance-Travel	Other Current Asset
Receivable from Shareholder:Book Sale	Other Current Asset
Receivable from Shareholder:Affiliates	Other Current Asset
Receivable from Shareholder:Affiliates:Incorp Exp P.A.	Other Current Asset
Receivable from Shareholder:Affiliates:Lobby Consultg	Other Current Asset
Receivable from Shareholder:Affiliates:Speech/Article Royalties	Other Current Asset
Receivable from Shareholder:Affiliates:Fees to Affiliates	Other Current Asset
Land	Fixed Asset
Office Equipment & Furniture	Fixed Asset
Accumulated Depreciation	Fixed Asset
Deposits	Other Asset
Certification	Other Asset
Certification:Certification	Other Asset
Certification:Amortization	Other Asset
Organization Cost	Other Asset
Accumulated Amortization	Other Asset
Interest Payable	Other Current Liability
Sales Tax Payable	Other Current Liability
Taxes/Fees Payable (Tele Svcs)	Other Current Liability
Taxes/Fees Payable (Tele Svcs):LOCAL MTA TAX	Other Current Liability

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Account	Type
Taxes/Fees Payable (Tele Svcs):Local Special Tax	Other Current Liability
Taxes/Fees Payable (Tele Svcs):Local 911 Tax	Other Current Liability
Taxes/Fees Payable (Tele Svcs):Local Sales Tax	Other Current Liability
Taxes/Fees Payable (Tele Svcs):State Sales Tax	Other Current Liability
Taxes/Fees Payable (Tele Svcs):Federal Excise Tax	Other Current Liability
Accrued Expenses	Other Current Liability
Accrued Expenses:Accrued Commissions	Other Current Liability
Payroll Liabilities	Other Current Liability
Payroll Liabilities:Federal Withholding	Other Current Liability
Payroll Liabilities:Medicare	Other Current Liability
Payroll Liabilities:Social Security	Other Current Liability
Payroll Liabilities:FUTA	Other Current Liability
Payroll Liabilities:SUTA	Other Current Liability
Notes Payable	Other Current Liability
Notes Payable:NP - Associates Capital LOC	Other Current Liability
Notes Payable:NP - AmEx Optima LOC	Other Current Liability
Notes Payable:NP - Leo Wrobel	Other Current Liability
Notes Payable:NP - Premiere Affiliates	Other Current Liability
Notes Payable:NP - Harold Erbs LOC	Other Current Liability
Notes Payable:NP - AMC Tel Prof Shar	Other Current Liability
Common Stock	Equity
Common Stock:Stock Options	Equity
Common Stock:Paid-in Capital	Equity
Common Stock:Stock Sale	Equity
Paid-in Capital - Stock Sale	Equity
Earnings Distribution	Equity
Opening Bal Equity	Equity
Retained Earnings	Equity
Telephone Service Operations	Income
Telephone Service Operations:Basic Service	Income
Telephone Service Operations:Special Assemblies (ICB)	Income
Telephone Service Operations:Private C. O.	Income
Telephone Service Operations:XDSL	Income
Telephone Service Operations:Access Arbitrage	Income
Telephone Service Operations:Broadband Service	Income
Telephone Service Operations:Local Surcharge	Income
Telephone Service Operations:Non Inc Surcharge	Income
Telephone Service Operations:Expanded Calling Surcharge	Income
Telephone Service Operations:Service Charges	Income
Settlement Compensation	Income
Consulting	Income
Engineering & Setup Fees	Income
Seminar/Speaking	Income
Miscellaneous Income	Income
Other Income	Income
Other Income:Interest - Notes Receivable	Income
Sales Commission	Cost of Goods Sold
Settlement Comp Exp	Cost of Goods Sold

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Account	Type
Cost of Goods Sold-Telephone	Cost of Goods Sold
Less Refund of Overcharge	Cost of Goods Sold
Uncategorized Expenses	Expense
Operating Exp - General	Expense
Operating Exp - General:Internet and Long Distance	Expense
Operating Exp - General:Meals and Entertainment	Expense
Operating Exp - General:Outside Services	Expense
Operating Exp - General:Outside Services:Service Processing Center	Expense
Operating Exp - General:Outside Services:Legal Reimbursements	Expense
Operating Exp - General:Outside Services:Certifications & Interconnect	Expense
Operating Exp - General:Seminar Expense	Expense
Operating Exp - General:Travel	Expense
Payroll Expenses	Expense
Payroll Expenses:Salaries and Wages	Expense
Payroll Expenses:Bonus/Commissions	Expense
Payroll Expenses:Payroll Taxes	Expense
Payroll Expenses:FUTA	Expense
Payroll Expenses:SUTA	Expense
Payroll Expenses:Taxes/Payroll	Expense
Sales and Marketing	Expense
Sales and Marketing:Advertising	Expense
Sales and Marketing:Printing & Copying Services	Expense
General and Administrative	Expense
General and Administrative:Real Estate	Expense
General and Administrative:Automotive	Expense
General and Administrative:Bad Debt	Expense
General and Administrative:Bank Service Charges	Expense
General and Administrative:Cell Phone/Pager	Expense
General and Administrative:Comptr/Softwr (Expendable<\$500)	Expense
General and Administrative:Consulting / Training	Expense
General and Administrative:Contract Labor	Expense
General and Administrative:Contributions/Donations	Expense
General and Administrative:Depreciation	Expense
General and Administrative:Dues and Subscriptions	Expense
General and Administrative:Equip & Furn (Expendable,<\$500)	Expense
General and Administrative:Equipment Lease	Expense
General and Administrative:Fee to Premiere Affiliates	Expense
General and Administrative:Insurance	Expense
General and Administrative:Insurance:Employee Medical	Expense
General and Administrative:Insurance:Employee Medical:Dental Insuran	Expense
General and Administrative:Insurance:Auto Insurance	Expense
General and Administrative:Insurance:D & O Insurance	Expense
General and Administrative:Insurance:Life Insurance	Expense
General and Administrative:Insurance:Medical Insurance (Leo)	Expense
General and Administrative:Interest/Finance Charges	Expense
General and Administrative:Licenses & Permits	Expense
General and Administrative:Maintenance & Repairs	Expense
General and Administrative:Miscellaneous	Expense

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Account	Type
General and Administrative:Office Supplies	Expense
General and Administrative:Postage/Delivery	Expense
General and Administrative:Professional Fees	Expense
General and Administrative:Professional Fees:Board Meeting	Expense
General and Administrative:Professional Fees:Accounting	Expense
General and Administrative:Professional Fees:Director Fees	Expense
General and Administrative:Professional Fees:Legal	Expense
General and Administrative:Registered Agent Fee	Expense
General and Administrative:Rents	Expense
General and Administrative:Repairs	Expense
General and Administrative:Repairs:Offices	Expense
General and Administrative:Repairs:Equipment	Expense
General and Administrative:Taxes, Corporate	Expense
General and Administrative:Taxes, Corporate:Franchise-Texas	Expense
General and Administrative:Taxes, Corporate:Federal	Expense
General and Administrative:Taxes, Corporate:State Sales	Expense
General and Administrative:Taxes, Corporate:Franchise Expense -Foreign	Expense
General and Administrative:Taxes, Corporate:Property	Expense
General and Administrative:Technical Publications	Expense
General and Administrative:Training/Education	Expense
Amortization	Expense
Legal Settlement	Other Income
Overhead Allocation	Other Income
Purchase Orders	Non-Posting

EXHIBIT 6

LIST OF LOCAL EXCHANGE CARRIERS

**LOCAL EXCHANGE TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIERS
REGISTERED WITH THE
NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
(As of August 30, 2000)**

A|B|C|D|E|F|G|H|I|J|K|L|M|N|O|P|Q|R|S|T|U|V|W|X|Y|Z

ILEC (ETC) - Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier
CLEC - Competitive Local Exchange Carrier
F - Facilities Based

R - Reseller
STS - Shared Tenant Service
ETC - Eligible Telecommunications Carrier

Name of Company	Date	Type of Service	Date Registered
Registered			
Absaraka Co-operative Telephone Company, Inc. Absaraka, ND 701/896-3404		ILEC	(F) (ETC) 12-17-97
Accent Communications, Inc. Groton SD 605-397-2315		ILEC	(F) 9-10-97 (ETC) 12-17-97
BEK Communications Cooperative Steele, ND 701/475-2361		ILEC	(F) (ETC) 12-17-97
BEK Communications I, Inc. Steele, ND 701/4752361		ILEC	(F) (ETC) 12-17-97
Consolidated Telcom, Inc. Dickinson ND 701/225-6061		ILEC	(F) 2-10-99 (ETC) 12-17-97
Consolidated Telephone Cooperative Dickinson, ND 701/225-6061		ILEC	(F) (ETC) 12-17-97
Dakota Central Communications Cooperative Carrington, ND 701/652-3184		ILEC	(F) (ETC) 12-17-97
Dakota Central Telecom I, Inc. Carrington, ND 701/652-3184		ILEC	(ETC) 12-17-97
Dickey Rural Telephone Cooperative Ellendale ND 701/349-3687		ILEC	(F) (ETC) 12-17-97
Dickey Rural Communications, Inc. Ellendale ND 701/349-3687		ILEC	(F) (ETC) 12-17-97
GTE Service Corporation St Paul MN 651-224-3546		ILEC	(F)
Griggs County Telephone Co Cooperstown, ND 701/797-3301		ILEC	(F) (ETC) 12-17-97

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Halstad Telephone Company Halstad, MN 218/456-2125	ILEC	(F) (ETC) 12-17-97
Inter-Community Telephone Company Nome ND 701/924-8815	ILEC	(F) (ETC) 12-17-97
Inter-Community Telephone Company II Nome ND 701/924-8815	ILEC	(F) (ETC) 12-17-97
Loretel Systems, Inc. Ada MN 218/784-7171	ILEC	(F) (ETC) 12-17-97
Mid-Rivers Telephone Cooperative, Inc. Circle MT 406/485-3301	ILEC	(F) (ETC) 12-17-97
Midstate Communications Incorporated Stanley ND 701/628-2522	ILEC	(F) (ETC) 12-17-97
Midstate Telephone Company Stanley, ND 701/628-2522	ILEC	(F) (ETC) 12-17-97
Moore and Liberty Telephone Company Enderlin ND 701/437-3300	ILEC	(F) (ETC) 12-17-97
Nemont Telephone Cooperative, Inc. Scobey MT 406/783-5654	ILEC	(F) (ETC) 12-17-97
Noonan Farmers Telephone Company Noonan ND 701/925-5713	ILEC	(F) (ETC) 12-17-97
North Dakota Telephone Company Devils Lake ND 701/662-1700	ILEC	(F) (ETC) 12-17-97
Northwest Communications Cooperative, a Cooperative Association Ray ND 701/568-3331	ILEC	(F) (ETC) 12-17-97
Polar Communications Mutual Aid Corporation Park River ND 701/284-7221	ILEC	(F) (ETC) 12-17-97
Polar Telecommunications, Inc. Park River ND 701/284-7221	ILEC	(F) (ETC) 12-17-97
RC Communications, Inc. New Effington SD 605-637-5212; 888-668-0877	ILEC	(F) (ETC) 12-17-97

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Red River Rural Telephone Association Abercrombie, ND 701/553-8309	ILEC	(F) (ETC) 12-17-97
Red River Telecom, Inc. Abercrombie, ND 701/553-8309	ILEC	(F) (ETC) 12-17-97
Reservation Telephone Cooperative Parshall, ND 701/862-3115	ILEC	(F) (ETC) 12-17-97
Roberts County Telephone Cooperative Association of New Effington, South Dakota New Effington, SD 605/637-5211	ILEC	(F) (ETC) 12-17-97
SRT Communications, Inc. Minot ND 701/858-5231	ILEC	(F) (ETC) 12-17-97
Souris River Telecommunications Cooperative Minot ND 701/852-1151	ILEC	(F) (ETC) 12-17-97
Stateline Telecommunications, Inc. Bison SD 57620	ILEC	(F) (ETC) 12-17-97
Turtle Mountain Communications, Inc. Langdon, ND 701/256-5156	ILEC	(F) (ETC) 12-17-97
U S WEST Communications, Inc. Bismarck, ND 701/222-6952	ILEC	(F) (ETC) 12-17-97
United Telephone Mutual Aid Corporation Langdon, ND 701/256-5156	ILEC	(F) (ETC) 12-17-97
Venture Communications, Inc. Highmore SD 605-852-2224; 1-800-824-7282	ILEC (ETC) CLEC (F)	(F) 2-17-99 (ETC) 12-17-97
West River Telecommunications Cooperative Hazen ND 701/748-2211	ILEC	(F) (ETC) 12-17-97
Wolverton Telephone Company Wolverton, MN 218/995-2900	ILEC	(F) (ETC) 12-17-97
1-800-RECONEX, INC. Hubbard OR 503-982-5572	CLEC	(R) 3-15-00
@link Networks, Inc. Waukesha WI	CLEC	(F) 9-22-99

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AT&T Communications of the Midwest, Inc. Minneapolis MN 612/376-6766, FAX 612-376-6769		CLEC	(R) 3-20-96 (F) 9-25-96
Adelphia Business Solutions Operations, Inc. Canonsburg PA 724-743-9716		CLEC	(R) 4-12-00 (F) 5-10-00
Advanced TelCom Group, Inc. Santa Rosa CA 707-284-5000; 800-367-2844		CLEC	(R) 5-10-00 (F) 7-6-00
Altru Health System Grand Forks ND 701-780-5000		CLEC	(R) 7-28-99
AmeriTel Pay Phones, Inc. Lee's Summit MO 816/525-4151; 800-779-2112		CLEC	(R) 2-8-95
Arrival Communications, Inc. San Francisco CA 415-955-9023; 800-269-2949		CLEC	(F) 6-8-00
ATLAS COMMUNICATIONS, LTD. Blue Bell PA 610-940-9040		CLEC	(R) 4-2-97
AUTOMATED INFORMATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS, INC. Corporate Name: NORTHWEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC. Wilsonville OR 503-570-8140		CLEC	(R) 9-25-96
Bethany Management Services, Inc. d/b/a Bethany Communication Services Fargo, ND 701/239-3000		CLEC	(STS) 3-17-89
CI2, Inc. Atlanta GA 770-425-2267; 888-657-3278		CLEC	(R) 10-20-99
CCCND, Inc. Little Rock AR 501-401-7700		CLEC	(R) 8-30-00
Choctaw Communications, Inc. Houston TX 713-779-0692		CLEC	(R) 9-8-99
Comm South Companies, Inc. Dallas TX 972-690-9955; 800-936-5223		CLEC	(R) 6-20-00
Concert Communications Sales LLC Reston VA 703-707-4000		CLEC	(R) 5-12-99

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Consolidated Communications Networks, Inc. Dickinson ND 701/225-6061		CLEC	(R) 2-19-97 (F) 5-28-97/1-26-00
Consolidated Telephone Cooperative Dickinson, ND 701/225-6061		CLEC	(F) 12-31-96
DCN, LLC		CLEC	(F) 3-15-00
DIECA Communications, Inc. Santa Clara CA 408-844-7500; 1-888-462-6823		CLEC	(F) 8-2-00
DSLnet Communications, LLC New Haven CT 203-772-1000		CLEC	(R) 7-28-99
Daktel Communications, LLC Carrington ND 701-652-3184		CLEC	(R) 6-8-00 (F) 8-2-00
Dickey Rural Services, Inc. Ellendale ND 701-349-3687		CLEC	(R) 8-30-00
EASTON TELECOM SERVICES, INC. Richfield OH 330-659-6700: 800-222-8122		CLEC	(R) 8-6-98
Essential.com, Inc. Burlington MA 781-229-9599		CLEC	(R) 4-26-00
Excel Telecommunications, Inc. Dallas, TX 214/863-8700, 800-875-9235, FAX 214-863-8721		CLEC	(R) 6-26-96
Framco, Inc. Fargo ND 701-581-0254		CLEC	(R) 5-5-98 (F) 8-6-98
GE CAPITAL COMMUNICATION SERVICES CORPORATION Atlanta GA 770-644-7774		CLEC	(R) 7-16-97
GROUP LONG DISTANCE, INC.Ft Lauderdale FL 954-771-9696		CLEC	(R) 9-25-97
HTC Services, Inc. Halstad MN 218-456-2125		CLEC	(F) 2-23-00
HJN Telecom, Inc. Duluth GA 770-291-2121; 800-345-2214		CLEC	(R) 11-18-98
ICG Telecom Group, Inc. Englewood CO 303-414-5000		CLEC	(R) 8-19-98

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IdeaOne Telecom Group LLC Kindred ND		CLEC	(F) 1-27-99
Integra Telecom of Minnesota, Inc. Baxter MN 612-447-2000; 800-820-7880		CLEC	(R) 12-1-99 (F) 1-26-00
Integra Telecom of North Dakota, Inc. Beaverton OR 503-748-2048		CLEC	(R) 5-10-00 (F) 7-19-00
IPVoice Communications, Inc. Phoenix AZ		CLEC	(R) 7-19-00
Ionex Communications North, Inc. Dallas TX 972-392-4601; 972-392-0654		CLEC	(R) 4-26-00 (F) 4-26-00
JATO Operating Two Corp. Denver CO		CLEC	(F) 11-17-99
LCI International Telecom Corp. McLean VA 703-610-4836; 800-860-2255		CLEC	(R) 6-25-97
LDM SYSTEMS INC. New City NY 800-547-0090		CLEC	(R) 10-22-97
Level 3 Communications, LLC Louisville CO 303-926-3000; 402-342-2052		CLEC	(R) 4-14-99
MCI Worldcom Communications, Inc. Clinton MS 800-444-3333; 601-460-8600		CLEC	(R) 9-22-99 (F) 9-22-99
MVX.Com Communications, Inc. Novato, CA 415-893-7180		CLEC	(R) 10-20-99
MVX Communications, LLC Novato CA 415-893-7180		CLEC	(R) 11-18-98
MCImetro Access Transmission Services, LLC Vienna VA 703/918-6000		CLEC	(R) 8-6-98
McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, Inc. Cedar Rapids IA 319/364-0000; FAX 319/298-7901		CLEC	(R) 2-12-97 (F) 4-8-98
Maxcess, Inc., Orlando FL 407-513-7700; 888-609-9399; 850 513-1018 dfranklin@maxcess.net		CLEC	(R) 3-29-00 (F) 6-8-00
Metromedia Fiber Network Services, Inc. White Plains NY 914-421-6700		CLEC	(F) 7-19-00

Name of Company Registered	Date	Type of Service	Date Registered
Midcontinent Communications Corporate Name: Midco Communications, Inc. Sioux Falls SD 605-334-1200		CLEC	(R) 6-17-98 (F) 8-11-99
Mid-Rivers Telephone Cooperative, Inc. Circle MT 406-485-3301		CLEC	(R) 1-27-99 (F) 4-14-99
Minnesota Independent Equal Access Corporation Plymouth MN 612/542-4100		CLEC	(F) 3-24-92
Nentel, Inc. Corporate Name: Northwest Communications, Inc. Wilsonville OR 503/570-8140, FAX 503-570-8119		CLEC	(R) 1-29-97
NET-tel Corporation Washington D C 202-295-6600		CLEC	(R) 5-26-99
NewPath Holdings, Inc. Des Moines IA 515-276-3069		CLEC	(F) 5-10-00
New Access Communications LLC Minneapolis MN 612-321-9717		CLEC	(R) 8-30-00
New Edge Network Inc. Vancouver WA 360-693-9009		CLEC	(R) 2-9-00 (F) 3-29-00
Nextel West Corp. Reston VA 703-394-3000		CLEC	(R) 8-27-97
PAMCOMM Sioux Falls SD 605-336-1788		CLEC	(R) 8-13-97
Pathnet, Inc. Washington D C 202-625-7284		CLEC	(R) 2-23-00 (F) 5-10-00
Polar Telcom, Inc. Park River ND 701-284-7221; FAX 701-284-7277		CLEC	(R) 3-25-98 (ETC)
PREFERRED CARRIER SERVICES, INC. Irving TX 214/753-1378, FAX 214/756-6015		CLEC	(R) 4-30-96
Quintelco, Inc. Pearl River NY 914-620-1212		CLEC	(R) 7-16-97
ServiSense.com, Inc Newton MA 617-848-8000; 888-483-3600		CLEC	(R) 7-19-00
Skyland Technologies, Inc. Helena MT 406-443-1940		CLEC	(F) 5-5-98 (R) 5-20-98

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Souris River Telecommunications Cooperative Minot ND 701/852-1151		CLEC	(F)
Sprint Communications Company L. P. d/b/a US Sprint Communications Limited Partnership Kansas City MO 913/624-4222		CLEC	(R, F) 7-21-92
T-Netix, Inc. Englewood CO 303-790-9111		CLEC	(R) 6-25-97
Talk.com Holding Corp. New Hope PA 215-862-1803		CLEC	(R) 9-8-99
TARGET TELECOM INCORPORATED Wayne NJ 201/256-1600		CLEC	(R) 4-26-95
Teleglobe Business Solutions, Inc.. Chantilly VA 703-633-2634: 703-802-5373		CLEC	(R) 2-23-00
Telera Communications, Inc. Campbell CA 408-626-6852		CLEC	(R) 8-30-00
Touch America, Inc. Butte MT 406-496-5100		CLEC	(R) 4-12-00 (F) 6-8-00
U.S. Link, Inc. Pequot Lakes MN 218-568-4000		CLEC	(F) 2-24-98 (R) 4-8-98
U S WEST Interprise America, Inc. Denver CO 303/293-6326		CLEC	(R) 3-5-97
Universal Access, Inc. Chicago IL 312-660-5000		CLEC	(R) 1-12-00 (F) 6-8-00
University of North Dakota Grand Forks, ND 701/777-3756		CLEC	(STS)
VAL-ED Joint Venture, L.L.P. d/b/a 702 Communications Perham MN 218-346-8555		CLEC	(F) 8-11-99 & 1-26-00 (R) 4-12-00
Valley Communications, Inc. Nome ND 701-924-8815		CLEC	(R) 11-18-98
VoCall Communications Corp Mountainside NJ 908-301-0090		CLEC	(R) 12-31-97

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Western CLEC Corporation Bellevue WA 425-586-8700		CLEC	(F) 4-26-00
WorldCom Technologies, Inc. Jackson MS 601-360-8600		CLEC	(R) 8-27-97
Z-Tel Communications, Inc. Tampa FL 813-273-6261		CLEC	(R) 4-14-99

SECTION 1 BASIC SERVICES (Cont'd)

A-5 Residential Service

1. Applicability

These rates are applicable to residential service.

2. Territory

Within the base rate areas of all exchanges served by the Company.

3. Rates

4. Flat Rate Service, monthly recurring charge:

Rate Class 1	\$ 18.00
Rate Class 2	\$ 18.00
Rate Class 3	\$ 18.00

Service Establishment, non-recurring charge:¹\$ 30.89

b. Measured Usage Service, monthly recurring charge:

Rate Class 1	\$ 13.00
Rate Class 2	\$ 13.00
Rate Class 3	\$ 13.00
Rate Class 4	\$ 13.00

Service Establishment, non-recurring charge:¹\$ 30.89

Usage Charges (per minute):

(1) Day Rate	\$ 0.0300
(2) Evening Rate	\$ 0.0195
(3) Night Rate	\$ 0.0150

SENDER: COMPLETE THIS SECTION

- Complete items 1, 2, and 3. Also complete item 4 if Restricted Delivery is desired.
- Print your name and address on the reverse so that we can return the card to you.
- Attach this card to the back of the mailpiece, or on the front if space permits.

1. Article Addressed to:
 Terri K Firestein
 Competitive Comm Group
 10806 Garrison Hollow Rd
 Clear Spring Md 21722

COMPLETE THIS SECTION ON DELIVERY

A. Received by (Please Print Clearly) B. Date of Delivery
 Terri K. Firestein JAN 14 2001
 C. Signature X Terri K. Firestein Agent Addressee
 D. Is delivery address different from item 1? Yes No
 If YES, enter delivery address below:

3. Service Type
 Certified Mail Express Mail
 Registered Return Receipt for Merchandise
 Insured Mail C.O.D.
 4. Restricted Delivery? (Extra Fee) Yes

2. Article Number (Copy from service label)
 7000 0520 0022 8564 0124
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 Registered Return Receipt for Merchandise
 Insured Mail C.O.D.
 4. Restricted Delivery? (Extra Fee) Yes

2. Article Number (Copy from service label)
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 Insured Mail C.O.D.
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