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

PU-1785-01-434
Skyland Technologies, Inc.
Toll Dialing Parity
Application
Filed 7/27/2001

Closed 11/7/2002

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DESCRIPTION

**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**Z-Tel Communications, Inc.
Toll Dialing Parity
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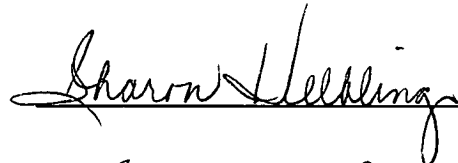
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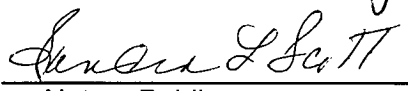
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Z-Tel Communications Inc
601 S Harbour Island Blvd Ste 220
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Each address shown is the respective addressee's last reasonably ascertainable post office address.

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this **7th day of November, 2002**.





Notary Public

SEAL

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

APPROVED

DATE: 11-6-02
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MOTION

November 6, 2002

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I move the Commission adopt the Order concerning toll dialing parity
implemtenation pans in the captioned applications for approval of toll dialing parity plans.

PJF/sdh

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**ORDER
INTRALATA TOLL DIALING PARITY IMPLEMENTATION PLANS**

November 6, 2002

Toll dialing parity (aka equal access or 1+ dialing) allows telephone subscribers to route intraLATA toll calls automatically, without the use of access codes, to any interexchange carrier of the subscriber's choice.

Under North Dakota Century Code § 49-21-08.1, every local exchange carrier is required to provide intraLATA dialing parity.

On April 25, 2001 Z-Tel Communications, Inc. filed its plan for providing intraLATA toll dialing parity. On May 18, 2001 Essex Communications, Inc. filed its toll dialing parity plan. On July 27, 2001 Skyland Technologies, Inc. filed its toll dialing parity plan. On August 1, 2001 Premiere Network Services, Inc. filed its toll dialing parity plan. On August 3, 2001 VAL-ED Joint Venture L.L.P. filed its toll dialing parity plan. On May 1, 2002 Comm South Companies, Inc. filed its toll dialing parity plan.

On August 2, 2002 the Commission issued a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing. No requests for hearing or comments were received. The Notice also stated that the Commission could determine the matter without a hearing.

Toll dialing parity plans are to be filed in accordance with 47 CFR §§ 51.209 – 51.215. In addition, the company's toll dialing parity plan should incorporate provisions adopted in the Commission's June 18, 1999 and July 16, 1999 orders in Case No. PU-419-99-207.

Dialing parity plans must:

1. include a full 2-PIC dialing parity offering;
2. identify the ND LATA(s) for which dialing parity will be provided;
3. include the provision and process for allowing a customer to subscribe to one interexchange carrier for intraLATA calling and to the same or another interexchange carrier for interLATA;
4. included the methods that will be used to enable subscribers to select interexchange carriers;
5. include the methods for interexchange carrier notification of the availability of 1+ and the process for participating in the 1+ offering;
6. include the process to be used by the customer for changing a PIC;
7. include the process used by the company to make PIC changes;
8. include the provision that PIC changes will be completed within 5 business days;
9. list the PIC change charge (maximum \$5);
10. include a LATA map with sufficient detail to locate LATA boundaries and an explanation of LATA calling areas and jurisdictions;
11. include a statement that customers that do not make carrier selection for intraLATA 1+ and interLATA 1+ calls will be advised that, until selection is made, toll calls dialed using 1+ area code prefixes will not be completed and they must dial toll calls utilizing access codes such as 101XXXX, 950, 800, etc.
12. include a statement that the company's business office practices, including the scripts the local exchange company uses with customers deciding on their options for carrier selection, will be competitively neutral;

13. include the provision that the company shall offer to read a randomly ordered list of interexchange carriers from which the customer may make a PIC choice; and
14. include a statement that public access lines are eligible for carrier selection in the same manner as interLATA carrier selection.

The Commission has reviewed the toll dialing parity plans that are subject of this proceeding and has determined that amendments are necessary in order to comply with the requirements listed.

Order

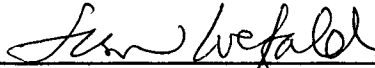
The Commission orders:

1. The captioned toll dialing parity plans must be amended by the companies and refilled for Commission approval.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION



Anthony T. Clark
Commissioner



Susan E. Wejald
President



Leo M. Reinbold
Commissioner

Scott, Sandi L.

From: Bauske, Shelly A.
Sent: Thursday, October 03, 2002 3:08 PM
To: Scott, Sandi L.
Subject: FW: Money Received.....

-----Original Message-----

From: Geiger, Gloria A.
Sent: Thursday, October 03, 2002 3:06 PM
To: Bauske, Shelly A.
Cc: Geiger, Gloria A.
Subject: RE: Money Received.....

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Case No. PU-1784-01-434
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Case No. PU-?
New Edge Networks
\$36.54

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7700 8503 248 22287

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\$80.87 received

by Skyland Technologies, Inc.

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by New Edge Network, Inc./Qwest Corporation

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APPROVED

DATE: 9-25-02
KMF

MOTION

September 25, 2002

Skyland Technologies, Inc.
Toll Dialing Parity
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Case No. PU-1785-01-434

I move the Commission bill Skyland Technologies, Inc. for costs incurred to date in Case No. PU-1785-01-434, Skyland Technologies, Inc., Toll Dialing Parity, Application.

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Utility Valuation Motion/Letter/Billing
Statement
by Public Service Commission

09/25/2002

CC: Comm Legal Ilona Pat.



Public Service Commission
State of North Dakota

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September 25, 2002

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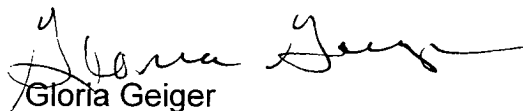
RE: Case No. PU-1785-01-434
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Enclosed is a copy of the statement approved at the September 25, 2002
Public Service Commission meeting for the expenses incurred to date in Case
No. PU-1785-01-434.

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
Admin Staff Officer
701-328-2401

Enc.

Billing Statement

September 25, 2002

Skyland Technologies, Inc.
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Bill To:

Skyland Technologies, Inc.\$80.87

Expenses Incurred to Date:

Advertising Costs\$80.87

Send Payment and a Copy of this Statement To:

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Bismarck ND 58505-0480

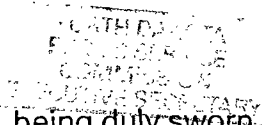
Federal Tax ID 45-0309764

Affidavit of Publication

State of North Dakota)

County of Burleigh)

08 19 2002



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:
Z-Tel... Com 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

15th day of August A.D. 2002

[Signature]

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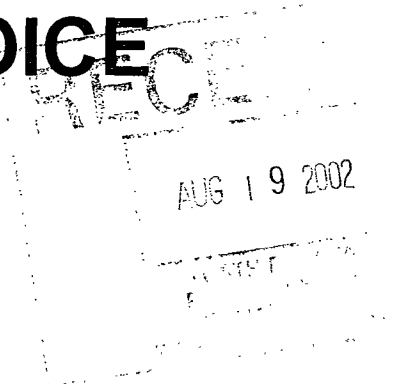
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Date: 08/16/2002

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To:

JON H. MIELKE
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
STATE CAPITOL
BISMARCK ND 58505



Client: Public Service Commission

Order: 02082PP0

Newspaper	Date	Inches	Page#	Rate	Amount
Bismarck Tribune	Z-Tel ... 08/09/2002	75.00	SPR2	0.64	48.00
Devils Lake Daily Journal	Z-Tel ... 08/09/2002	80.00	SPR2	0.63	50.40
Dickinson Press	Z-Tel ... 08/09/2002	83.00	SPR2	0.57	47.31
Fargo, The Forum	Z-Tel ... 08/12/2002	67.00	SPR2	0.71	47.57
Grand Forks Herald	Z-Tel ... 08/08/2002	73.00	SPR2	0.69	50.37
Jamestown Sun	Z-Tel ... 08/09/2002	78.00	SPR2	0.54	42.12
Minot Daily News	Z-Tel ... 08/09/2002	1.00	[Special]	57.24	57.24
Valley City Times-Record	Z-Tel ... 08/09/2002	83.00	SPR2	0.57	47.31
Wahpeton Daily News	Z-Tel ... 08/11/2002	83.00	SPR2	0.57	47.31
Williston Herald	Z-Tel ... 08/09/2002	78.00	SPR2	0.61	47.58

*** ADVERTISING TOTAL 485.21

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This invoice is due and payable upon receipt. Unpaid items over 30 days from invoice date are subject to a finance charge. The finance charge is computed by a periodic rate of 1 3/4 percent per month (or a minimum charge of 50 cents for balances of under \$50), which is an annual percentage rate of 21 percent.

Total unpaid balance may be paid at any time.

Please pay from this invoice — No statement will be sent. Return duplicate with remittance to North Dakota Advertising Service, Inc.

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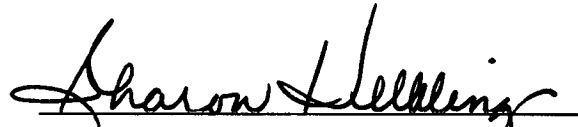
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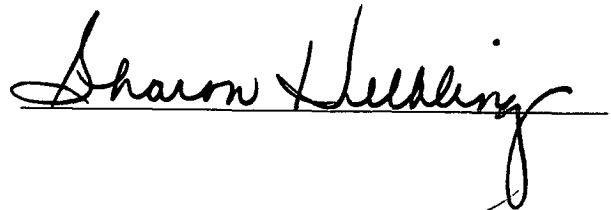
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**Colleen Park
North Dakota Newspaper Association**

Colleen:

Please have the two attached Notices of Opportunity for Hearing published as legal publications in the next issue of the ten North Dakota daily newspapers, and run them as "News Item Only" articles 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 701-328-4076. Thank you.

**Sharon Helbling
Public Utilities Division**



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I move the Commission issue a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing in the captioned applications for approval of toll dialing parity plans.

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NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING

August 2, 2002

Toll dialing parity (aka equal access or 1+ dialing) allows telephone subscribers to route intraLATA toll calls automatically, without the use of access codes, to any interexchange carrier of the subscriber's choice.

Under North Dakota Century Code § 49-21-08.1, every local exchange carrier is required to provide intraLATA dialing parity.

On April 25, 2001 Z-Tel Communications, Inc. filed its plan for providing intraLATA toll dialing parity. On May 18, 2001 Essex Communications, Inc. filed its toll dialing parity plan. On July 27, 2001 Skyland Technologies, Inc. filed its toll dialing parity plan. On August 1, 2001 Premiere Network Services, Inc. filed its toll dialing parity plan. On August 3, 2001 VAL-ED Joint Venture L.L.P. filed its toll dialing parity plan. On May 1, 2002 Comm South Companies, Inc. filed its toll dialing parity plan.

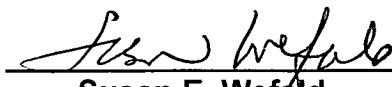
Toll dialing parity plans are to be filed in accordance with 47 CFR §§ 51.209 – 51.215. In addition, the company's toll dialing parity plan should incorporate provisions adopted in the Commission's June 18, 1999 and July 16, 1999 orders in Case No. PU-419-99-207.

Those interested are invited to comment on the dialing parity plans in writing. Persons desiring a hearing must file a written request identifying their interest in the proceeding and the reasons for requesting a hearing. Comments and requests for hearing must be received by **September 4, 2002**. If deemed appropriate, the Commission can determine the matter without a hearing.

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

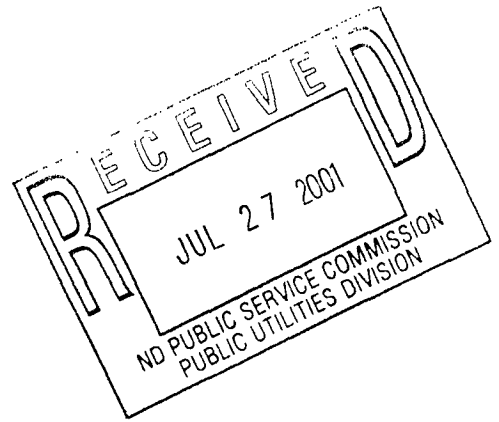
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Mr. Jon Mielke, Executive Secretary
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July 23, 2001

Dear Sir,

Please find enclosed the Parity Plan and Proposed Rates for Skyland Technologies.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact LesLee Bublitz at Skyland Technologies .

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lisa Zavalney".

Lisa Zavalney
CSR

CC: LesLee Bublitz

SKYLAND TECHNOLOGIES, INC.
PROPOSED RATES Prepared on 7/13/01

	<i>Non Recurring</i>		
Order Charges:			
Service Order	10.00		
Central Office Charge	20.00		
PIC Change	5.00		
		<i>Monthly</i>	<i>Per Use</i>
Local Service: Business			
Single-Line	\$31.95		
Multi-Line	\$31.95		
Local Service- Residential	\$22.20		
Flat Rate Trunk	\$35.95		
DID	\$39.95		
Reserved Numbers (20)	\$2.90		
Toll Restrict	\$3.00		
Collect Blocking	<i>FREE</i>		
Third Number Billing Blocking	<i>FREE</i>		
Voice Mail	\$7.50		
Caller ID:			
Number Only	\$4.00		
Name & Number	\$4.25		
Voice Mail Plus Caller ID Name & Number	\$10.00		
Hunting	\$4.25		
Call Forward	\$3.00		*
Call Hold	\$3.00		*
Call Return	\$3.00		*
Call Screening	\$3.00		*
Call Transfer	\$3.00		*
Call Waiting	\$3.00		*
Code Restriction	\$3.00		*
Do Not Disturb	\$3.00		*
Priority Ringing	\$3.00		*
Repeat Dialing	\$3.00		*
Special Call Acceptance	\$3.00		*
Speed Call 8	\$2.00		*
Speed Call 30	\$3.00		*
Three Way Calling	\$3.00		*
Voice/Data Protection	\$3.00		*
Wake-Up Service	\$3.00		*
Warm Line	\$3.00		*
Personal Ringing	\$3.00		*
Call Trace	\$20.00		\$3.00

* \$1.00 off if purchase at least 3 features

Operator & Directory Assistance Services:

Busy Line Verify	\$3.00
Busy Line Interrupt	\$3.00

Operator Assist

Mechanized	\$0.80
Station to Station Partial Assist	\$2.25
Station to Station Full Assist	\$3.40
Person to Person Partial Assist	\$4.90
Person to Person Full Assist	\$6.05
Call Completion	\$0.35
Directory Assistance	\$0.85

updated 7/23/01

**SKYLAND TECHNOLOGIES, INC.
NORTH DAKOTA INTRALATA DIALING PARITY PLAN**

I. OBJECTIVE / PURPOSE

In compliance with Order issued on April 12, 1999, Skyland Technologies, Inc. ("Skyland") hereby files its plan for implementing intraLATA Equal Access ("the Plan") in areas of the state in which Skyland is authorized to provide interexchange service.

The intent of the Plan is to permit Customers to route intraLATA toll calls automatically, without the use of access codes, to any interexchange carrier ("IXC") of the Customer's choice that has established itself as an access Customer under Skyland's Access Service Tariff.

II. IMPLEMENTATION SCHEDULE

Skyland, having obtained certification from the state of North Dakota, proposes to begin providing local exchange service in various North Dakota markets. Skyland will notify various IXC's regarding Skyland's plans when it is ready to launch local service in North Dakota. In addition, Skyland has developed an information package to send to each inquiring IXC, after notification, which explains how access service can be obtained.

III. CARRIER SELECTION PROCEDURES

Skyland will implement a full 2-PIC carrier selection methodology. With the full 2-PIC methodology, Customers will be able to presubscribe to the same or a different participating telecommunications carrier for intraLATA toll calls.

Processes have been established to provide new Customers with an opportunity to choose their intraLATA toll carrier. Company employees who communicate with the public, accept orders and serve in customer service capacities are being trained to explain to Customers the availability of 2-PIC equal access, and to assist Customers in making an initial PIC choice or in changing a PIC choice for intraLATA and interLATA toll calls.

IV. NEW CUSTOMERS

Customers who contact Skyland requesting new telephone exchange service will be informed of the opportunity to choose both an intraLATA and interLATA PIC. If requested by the Customer, Skyland will provide a list of participating telecommunication carriers, including Skyland, that are access Customers and are maintaining a relationship with Skyland pursuant to the provisions of the Company's Access Services Tariff. The list of intraLATA

toll carriers will be presented in a competitively neutral manner to new Customers who do not make a positive choice for an intraLATA carrier. Until a new customer or a customer ordering a new line makes a selection, the customers will be assigned a "no-PIC" and will have to dial an access code to make intraLATA calls. New customers will have 30 days from the date they order local exchange service to make their free selection. No charge applies to PIC selections made within this time limit. After the time limit expires, the tariffed rate for PIC changes will apply.

V. EXISTING CUSTOMERS

As indicated above, Skyland is a new carrier in North Dakota and, thus, has no existing Customer base. Skyland proposes to provide intraLATA equal access as a feature of the Company's North Dakota local exchange service upon launch of that service. Therefore, no notification to existing Customers is required. Existing customers have a 90-day grace period to make a free intraLATA presubscription selection. No charge applies to PIC changes made within this time limit.

VI. CARRIER NOTIFICATION

Interexchange carriers that desire to become originating access Customers shall notify Skyland of their desire to obtain Exchange Access Service information via letter or telephone call, by completing an Access Service Request ("ASR") form or at the direction of the end-user Customer. Many IXC's have already contacted Skyland for information. Skyland will send each requesting carrier an information package describing Skyland's service, processes and applicable tariffs. A list of participating carriers will be made upon request.

VII. PIC FREEZES

The company will not market intraLATA PIC freezes to customers before or during the 90-day grace period for PIC selection pursuant to paragraph VI above. PIC freezes may be provided at any time upon the customer's request.

PIC freezes may be removed with the use of a three-way call between the customer, the company and the carrier. Carriers must still follow FCC and North Dakota Public Service Commission procedures for PIC changes (e.g. independent third party verification, written letter of agency, electronic authorization.)

VIII. OTHER REQUIREMENTS

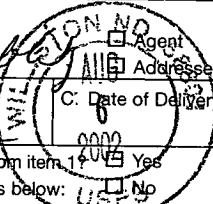
1. The company will not attempt to dissuade customers from presubscribing to another carrier's intraLATA toll service at the time when a customer calls to request that presubscribed intraLATA service be switched to a new carrier.
2. Commission authorization as a certified intarLATA toll provider is required for a carrier to be placed on an alphabetical list of carriers willing to accept one-plus intraLATA toll traffic within a particular area.
3. The company will report any inappropriate business practices relating to intraLATA presubscription to the North Dakota Public Service Commission.
4. A toll free number will be made available to customer to contact the company for a list of available intarLATA toll providers. The company will implement this plan no later than thirty (30) days after approval by the North Dakota Public Service Commission.

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COMPLETE THIS SECTION ON DELIVERY

- 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.

A. Signature
 X *Leslee Bublitz*  Agent Addressee

B. Received by (Printed Name)
Leslee Bublitz

C. Date of Delivery
 8 0000 2002

D. Is delivery address different from item 1? Yes
 If YES, enter delivery address below: No

1. Article Addressed to:
*Lisa Zavalney
 Skyland Technologies
 PO Box 939
 Williston ND 58802-0939*

3. Service Type
 Certified Mail Express Mail
 Registered Return Receipt for Merchandise
 Insured Mail C.O.D.

4. Restricted Delivery? (Extra Fee) Yes

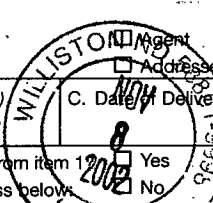
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A. Signature
 X *Robert A. Hill*  Agent Addressee

B. Received by (Printed Name)
Robert A. Hill

C. Date of Delivery
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