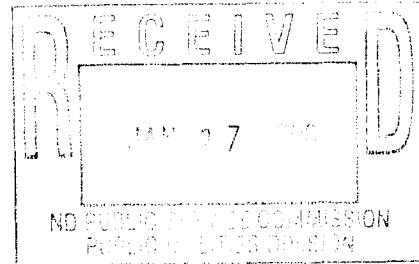


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January 25, 2006

To: North Dakota Public Service Commission

From: Becky Hecker
Bond Department

Re: 702 Communications – Telecommunications Reseller's Bond

Enclosed is the above referenced bond for our client. Please call with any questions.

Thank you.

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**Telecommunications Reseller Bond - 702
Communications**

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TELECOMMUNICATIONS RESELLER'S BOND
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
 SFN 50826 (5-96)

BOND NO: B-8875335

PRINCIPAL (Reseller)	Name <u>Val-Ed Joint Venture, LLP dba 702 Communications</u>			
	Address <u>P. O. Box 36</u>	<u>702 Main Avenue</u>	City <u>Moorhead</u>	State <u>MIN</u> Zip Code <u>56560</u>
SURETY (Bonding Company)	Name <u>The Cincinnati Insurance Company</u>			
	Address <u>6200 So. Gilmore Road</u>		City <u>Fairfield</u>	State <u>OH</u> Zip Code <u>45014</u>

We, the above named PRINCIPAL and SURETY are bound to the State of North Dakota in the penal sum of Twenty five thousand and no/100s--
\$25,000.00 Dollars. The payment of the penal sum shall bind the PRINCIPAL and SURETY, our heirs, legal representatives, successors, and assigns, jointly and severally under these obligations.

The PRINCIPAL is doing business in North Dakota as a reseller providing telecommunications services. This obligation covers all prepayments for service in this State including, but not limited to, front-end charges and prepaid monthly charges for services.

The condition of this obligation is as follows: if the PRINCIPAL faithfully performs all duties as a telecommunications reseller under the provisions of Certificate of Registration issued by the North Dakota Public Service Commission, complies with all laws of North Dakota pertaining to telecommunications companies and the rules of the Public Service Commission promulgated in connection therewith, and provides services in accordance with its legal obligations and agreements; then this obligation shall be void; otherwise it shall remain in effect.

Liability for this undertaking commences on January 6, 2006, and shall be continuous unless the SURETY by certified mail notifies the PRINCIPAL and the Public Service Commission that the surety bond has been canceled. The cancellation notice shall state that the surety bond will be canceled thirty (30) days after receipt by the Public Service Commission of the cancellation notice, or on a later date specified by the SURETY. In no event shall the aggregate liability of the SURETY accumulate above the face amount of the bond, unless the face amount is increased by appropriate endorsement or rider.

The liability of the SURETY for any violation of the obligations by the PRINCIPAL during the period of time the bond remains in effect shall remain in force for such period of time as may be permitted under the laws of the State of North Dakota. Bonding requirements may be increased or decreased by the Commission upon thirty (30) days notice to each PRINCIPAL and SURETY.

This bond, and the terms used herein, are governed by the provisions of Chapter 49-21 of the North Dakota Century Code, and Chapter 69-09-05 of the North Dakota Administrative Code.

Countersigned by North Dakota Resident Agent:

Wayne L. Lauwers P. O. Box 1958, Fargo, ND 58107
 Name/Signature Address City, State(ND), Zip Code

THIS SECTION TO BE COMPLETED BY PRINCIPAL

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF PRINCIPAL

State of Minnesota)
) ss.
 County of CLAY)

On this 6th day of January, 2006

before me personally appeared James Walter
 known to me to be the person or said corporation described in and who executed the within instrument as PRINCIPAL and acknowledged to me that he/she or said corporation executed the same.

James Walter
 Signature of Principal

Barbara S. Garaas
 Notary Public

My Commission expires 1-24-2007

(SEAL)

THIS SECTION TO BE COMPLETED BY SURETY

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF SURETY
(Corporate Officer)**

State of North Dakota)
) ss.
 County of Cass)

On this 6th day of January, 2006.

before me personally appeared Wayne L. Lauwers
 known to me to be Attorney in Fact/Resident Agent
 of said corporation that is described in and that executed the within instrument as SURETY, and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same.

Wayne L. Lauwers, Attorney in Fact
 Name and Title of Person Signing for Surety

Rebecca J. Hecker
 Signature
 Notary Public

My Commission expires 1/24/07

(SEAL)

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ATTORNEY-IN-FACT MUST ATTACH VALID POWER OF ATTORNEY FROM SURETY.

THE CINCINNATI INSURANCE COMPANY

Fairfield, Ohio

POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: That THE CINCINNATI INSURANCE COMPANY, a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Ohio, and having its principal office in the City of Fairfield, Ohio, does hereby constitute and appoint

Thomas C. Dawson; Daniel M. Armbrust;
Wayne L. Lauwers and/or Rebecca J. Hecker

of Fargo, North Dakota its true and lawful Attorney(s)-in-Fact to sign, execute, seal and deliver on its behalf as Surety, and as its act and deed, any and all bonds, policies, undertakings, or other like instruments, as follows:

Any such obligations in the United States, up to
Ten Million and No/100 Dollars (\$10,000,000.00).

This appointment is made under and by authority of the following resolution passed by the Board of Directors of said Company at a meeting held in the principal office of the Company, a quorum being present and voting, on the 6th day of December, 1958, which resolution is still in effect:

"RESOLVED, that the President or any Vice President be hereby authorized, and empowered to appoint Attorneys-in-Fact of the Company to execute any and all bonds, policies, undertakings, or other like instruments on behalf of the Corporation, and may authorize any officer or any such Attorney-in-Fact to affix the corporate seal; and may with or without cause modify or revoke any such appointment or authority. Any such writings so executed by such Attorneys-in-Fact shall be binding upon the Company as if they had been duly executed and acknowledged by the regularly elected officers of the Company."

This Power of Attorney is signed and sealed by facsimile under and by the authority of the following Resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of the Company at a meeting duly called and held on the 7th day of December, 1973.

"RESOLVED, that the signature of the President or a Vice President and the seal of the Company may be affixed by facsimile on any power of attorney granted, and the signature of the Secretary or Assistant Secretary and the seal of the Company may be affixed by facsimile to any certificate of any such power and any such power of certificate bearing such facsimile signature and seal shall be valid and binding on the Company. Any such power so executed and sealed and certified by certificate so executed and sealed shall, with respect to any bond or undertaking to which it is attached, continue to be valid and binding on the Company."

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, THE CINCINNATI INSURANCE COMPANY has caused these presents to be sealed with its corporate seal, duly attested by its Senior Vice President this 1st day of March, 2002.



THE CINCINNATI INSURANCE COMPANY

Daniel M. Armbrust
Senior Vice President

STATE OF OHIO) ss:
COUNTY OF BUTLER)

On this 1st day of March, 2002, before me came the above-named Senior Vice President of THE CINCINNATI INSURANCE COMPANY, to me personally known to be the officer described herein, and acknowledged that the seal affixed to the preceding instrument is the corporate seal of said Company and the corporate seal and the signature of the officer were duly affixed and subscribed to said instrument by the authority and direction of said corporation.



Mark J. Huller
MARK J. HULLER, Attorney at Law
NOTARY PUBLIC - STATE OF OHIO
My commission has no expiration date. Section 147.03 O.R.C.

I, the undersigned Secretary or Assistant Secretary of THE CINCINNATI INSURANCE COMPANY, hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the Original Power of Attorney issued by said Company, and do hereby further certify that the said Power of Attorney is still in full force and effect.

GIVEN under my hand and seal of said Company at Fairfield, Ohio,
this 6th day of January, 2006



Carl O. Beck
Secretary