



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

**BOND NO:** 8149-16-85

<b>PRINCIPAL (Reseller)</b>	Name NYNEX LONG DISTANCE COMPANY			
	Address 1111 WESTCHESTER AVENUE	City WHITE PLAINS	State NY	Zip Code 10604
<b>SURETY (Bonding Company)</b>	Name FEDERAL INSURANCE COMPANY			
	Address 15 MOUNTAINVIEW ROAD	City WARREN	State NJ	Zip Code 07095

We, the above named PRINCIPAL and SURETY are bound to the State of North Dakota in the penal sum of TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED & 00/100 (\$2,500.00) 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 AUGUST 8, 19 96, 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:

N/A

Name/Signature	Address	City, State (ND), Zip Code
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**THIS SECTION TO BE COMPLETED BY PRINCIPAL**

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF PRINCIPAL**

State of New York )  
 County of Queens ) ss.  
 On this 27th day of August, 19 96  
 before me personally appeared Jake J Miller  
 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.

J. J. Miller  
 Signature of Principal

Brenda D. Rawlings  
 Notary Public

My Commission Expires 11/7/97  
BRENDA D. RAWLINGS  
 Notary Public, State of New York  
 (SEAL) No. 01RA5037891

**THIS SECTION TO BE COMPLETED BY SURETY**

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF SURETY  
(Corporate Officer)**

State of NEW YORK )  
 County of NEW YORK ) ss.  
 On this 9TH day of AUGUST, 19 96  
 before me personally appeared NATALIE REINGOLD  
 known to me to be ATTORNEY-IN-FACT  
 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.

NATALIE REINGOLD ATTORNEY-IN-FACT  
 Name and Title of Person Signing for Surety

Natalie Reingold  
 Signature

Robert P. McDonough  
 Notary Public

My Commission Expires 10/24/96  
ROBERT P. McDONOUGH  
 Notary Public, State of New York  
 No. 01MC5034907  
 Qualified in New York County  
 (SEAL) Commission Expires October 24, 19 96

POWER OF ATTORNEY  
FEDERAL INSURANCE COMPANY  
ATTN: SURETY DEPARTMENT  
15 Mountain View Road, Warren, NJ 07059  
(908) 580-2000

Know all Men by these Presents, That FEDERAL INSURANCE COMPANY, an Indiana Corporation, has constituted and appointed, and does hereby constitute and appoint Natalie Reingold, Jean M. Allen, Caroline Scotto, Frank J. Niestadt, Robert P. McDonough and Marisol Plaza of New York, New York -----

each its true and lawful Attorney-in-Fact to execute under such designation in its name and to affix its corporate seal to and deliver for and on its behalf as surety thereon or otherwise, bonds or obligations (other than Bail Bonds) given or executed in the course of its business, and any instruments amending or altering the same, and consents to the modification or alteration of any instruments referred to in said bonds or obligations.

In Witness Whereof, the said FEDERAL INSURANCE COMPANY has, pursuant to its By-Laws, caused these presents to be signed by its Vice-President and Assistant Secretary and its corporate seal to be hereto affixed this 19th day of April 19 94



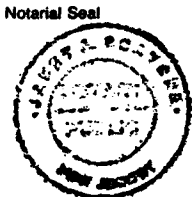
Kenneth C. Wendel  
Assistant Secretary

FEDERAL INSURANCE COMPANY  
By

Gerardo G. Mauriz  
Vice-President

STATE OF NEW JERSEY }  
County of Somerset } ss.

On this 19th day of April 19 94, before me personally came Kenneth C. Wendel to me known and by me known to be Assistant Secretary of FEDERAL INSURANCE COMPANY, the corporation described in and which executed the foregoing Power of Attorney, and the said Kenneth C. Wendel being by me duly sworn, did depose and say that he is Assistant Secretary of FEDERAL INSURANCE COMPANY and knows the corporate seal thereof; that the seal affixed to the foregoing Power of Attorney is such corporate seal and was thereto affixed by authority of the By-Laws of said Company and that he signed said Power of Attorney as Assistant Secretary of said Company by like authority; and that he is acquainted with Gerardo G. Mauriz and knows him to be the Vice-President of said Company and that the signature of said Gerardo G. Mauriz subscribed to said Power of Attorney is in the genuine handwriting of said Gerardo G. Mauriz and was thereto subscribed by authority of said By-Laws and in deponent's presence.



STATE OF NEW JERSEY }  
County of Somerset } ss.

Acknowledged and Sworn to before me  
on the date above written.

Janet A. Scavone  
Notary Public

CERTIFICATION

JANET A. SCAVONE  
Notary Public, State of New Jersey  
No. 2055520  
Commission Expires October 2, 1994

I, the undersigned, Assistant Secretary of FEDERAL INSURANCE COMPANY, do hereby certify that the following is a true excerpt from the By-Laws of the said Company as adopted by its Board of Director on June 13, 1974 and most recently amended March 2, 1990 and that this By-Law is in full force and effect.

"ARTICLE XVIII

Section 2. All bonds, undertakings, contracts and other instruments other than as above for and on behalf of the Company which it is authorized by law or its charter to execute, may and shall be executed in the name and on behalf of the Company either by the Chairman or the Vice-Chairman or the President or a Vice-President, jointly with the Secretary or an Assistant Secretary, under their respective designations, except that any one or more officers or attorneys-in-fact designated in any resolution of the Board of Directors or the Executive Committee, or in any power of attorney executed as provided for in Section 3 below, may execute any such bond, undertaking or other obligation as provided in such resolution or power of attorney.

Section 3. All powers of attorney for and on behalf of the Company may and shall be executed in the name and on behalf of the Company, either by the Chairman or the Vice-Chairman or the President or a Vice-President or an Assistant Vice-President, jointly with the Secretary or an Assistant Secretary, under their respective designations. The signature of such officers may be engraved, printed or lithographed. The signature of each of the following officers: Chairman, Vice Chairman, President, any Vice President, any Assistant Vice President, any Secretary, any Assistant Secretary and the seal of the Company may be affixed by facsimile to any power of attorney or to any certificate relating thereto appointing Assistant Secretaries or Attorneys-in-Fact for purposes only of executing and attesting bonds and undertakings and other writings obligatory in the nature thereof, and any such power of attorney or certificate bearing such facsimile signature or facsimile seal shall be valid and binding upon the Company and any such power so executed and certified by such facsimile signature and facsimile seal shall be valid and binding upon the Company with respect to any bond or undertaking to which it is attached."

I further certify that said FEDERAL INSURANCE COMPANY is duly licensed to transact fidelity and surety business in each of the States of the United States of America, District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and each of its Provinces of Canada with the exception of Prince Edward Island; and is also duly licensed to become sole surety on bonds, undertakings, etc., permitted or required by the law.

I, the undersigned Assistant Secretary of FEDERAL INSURANCE COMPANY, do hereby certify that the foregoing Power of Attorney is now in full force and effect.

Given under my hand and the seal of said Company at Warren, N.J., this 9TH day of AUGUST 19 96



Assistant Secretary