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APPLICATION BY FOREIGN CORPORATION FOR AUTHORIZATION TO TRANSACT BUSINESS IN FLORIDA

IN COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 607.1503, FLORIDA STATUTES, THE FOLLOWING IS SUBMITTED TO REGISTER A FOREIGN CORPORATION TO TRANSACT BUSINESS IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA:

1. US LEC Communications Inc.
(Name of corporation: must include the word "INCORPORATED", "COMPANY", "CORPORATION", or words or abbreviations of like import in language as will clearly indicate that it is a corporation instead of a natural person or partnership if not so contained in the name at present.)

2. North Carolina (State or country under the law of which it is incorporated) 3. 56-2162051 (FEI number, if applicable)

4. September 9, 1999 (Date of incorporation) 5. Perpetual (Duration: Year corp. will cease to exist or "perpetual")

6. Upon Qualification
(Date first transacted business in Florida. (See sections 607.1501, 607.1502, and 817.155, F.S.))

7. Three Morrocroft Centre, 6801 Morrison Boulevard, Charlotte, North Carolina 28211
(Current mailing address)

8. To provide telecommunications services
(Purpose(s) of corporation authorized in home state or country to be carried out in the state of Florida)

9. Name and street address of Florida registered agent:

Name: C T Corporation System
Office Address: c/o C T Corporation System, 1200 South Pine Island Road
Plantation, Florida, 33324
(Zip Code)

10. Registered agent acceptance:
Having been named as registered agent and to accept service of process for the above stated corporation at the place designated in this application. I hereby accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity. I further agree to comply with the provisions of all statutes relative to the proper and complete performance of my duties, and I am familiar with and accept the obligation of my position as registered agent.

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Connie Bryan
(Registered agent's signature) (Officer)
CONNIE BRYAN
SPECIAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY
(Type Name and Title of Officer)

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11. Attached is a certificate of existence duly authenticated, not more than 90 days prior to delivery of this application to the Department of State, by the Secretary of State or other official having custody of corporate records in the jurisdiction under the law of which it is incorporated.

12. Names and addresses of officers and/or directors:

A. DIRECTORS

Chairman: See attached list of directors

Address: _____

Vice Chairman: See attached list of directors

Address: _____

Director: See attached list of directors

Address: _____

Director: _____

Address: _____

B. OFFICERS

President: See attached list of officers

Address: _____

Vice President: _____

Address: _____

Secretary: _____

Address: _____

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Treasurer: _____

Address: _____

NOTE: If necessary, you may attach an addendum to the application listing additional officers and/or directors.

13.



(Signature of Chairman, Vice Chairman, or any officer listed in number 12 of the application)

14. Aaron D. Cowell, Jr., President

(Typed or printed name and capacity of person signing application)

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Officers and Directors of
US LEC Communications Inc.

Name & Business Address

Offices:

Aaron D. Cowell, Jr.
Three Morrocroft Centre
6801 Morrison Boulevard
Charlotte, NC 28211

President and General Counsel

Michael K. Robinson
Three Morrocroft Centre
6801 Morrison Boulevard
Charlotte, North Carolina 28211

Executive Vice President – Finance,
Chief Financial Officer and Assistant
Secretary

Robert D. Ingram
Three Morrocroft Centre
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Executive Vice President –
Engineering and Chief Technical
Officer

Wilbur P. Williams
Three Morrocroft Centre
6801 Morrison Boulevard
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Senior Vice President, Sales –
Southern Region

Craig K. Simpson
Three Morrocroft Centre
6801 Morrison Boulevard
Charlotte, NC 28211

Senior Vice President, Sales –
Mid-Atlantic Region and Alternate
Channels

Thomas R. Gooley
Three Morrocroft Centre
6801 Morrison Boulevard
Charlotte, NC 28211

Vice President, Treasury and
Secretary

Directors

Richard T. Aab
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Tansukh V. Ganatra
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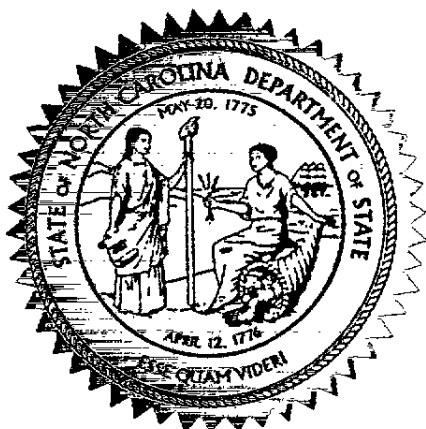
CERTIFICATE OF EXISTENCE

I, **ELAINE F. MARSHALL**, Secretary of State of the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify that

US LEC COMMUNICATIONS INC.

is a corporation duly incorporated under the laws of the State of North Carolina, having been incorporated on the 9th day of September, 1999, with its period of duration being Perpetual.

I **FURTHER** certify that, as of the date set forth hereunder, the said corporation's articles of incorporation are not suspended for failure to comply with the Revenue Act of the State of North Carolina; that the said corporation is not administratively dissolved for failure to comply with the provisions of the North Carolina Business Corporation Act; that its most recent annual report required by N.C.G.S. 55-16-22 **has been** delivered to the Secretary of State; and that the said corporation has not filed articles of dissolution as of the date of this certificate.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal at the City of Raleigh, this 18th day of July, 2000.

Elaine F. Marshall

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