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VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS

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Re: **ST Long Distance, Inc.**

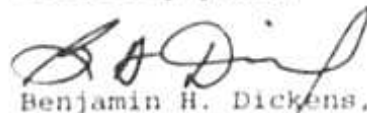
To whom it may concern:

Enclosed herewith, please find an original and six copies of the Application Form for Authority to Provide Interexchange Telecommunications Service filed by ST Long Distance, Inc. which includes a proposed Florida Tariff No. 1. Check number 16048 in the amount of \$250.00 is enclosed to cover filing fees related to this filing.

An additional copy of this letter and the application containing a tariff is enclosed and marked "Receipt". Please mark this copy to indicate that the original has been filed. I have enclosed a self-addressed stamped envelope for the return of this copy.

Check received with filing and
forwarded to Fiscal for deposit.
Fiscal to forward a copy of check
to D&R with proof of deposit.
Initials of person who forwarded check:
AD

Sincerely yours,


Benjamin H. Dickens, Jr.

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DOCUMENT NUMBER-DATE

08909 SEP-45

FPSC-RECORDS/REPORTING

1. Select what type of business your company will be conducting (check all that apply):

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- () Operator Service Provider - company provides or plans to provide alternative operator services for IXCs; or toll operator services to call aggregator locations; or clearinghouse services to bill such calls.
- () Reseller - company has or plans to have one or more switches but primarily leases the transmission facilities of other carriers. Bills its own customer base for services used.
- (X) Switchless Reseller - company has no switch or transmission facilities but may have a billing computer. Aggregates traffic to obtain bulk discounts from underlying carrier. Rebills end users at a rate above its discount but generally below the rate end users would pay for unaggregated traffic.
- () Multi-Location Discount Aggregator - company contracts with unaffiliated entities to obtain bulk/volume discounts under multi-location discount plans from certain underlying carriers. Then offers the resold service by enrolling unaffiliated customers.
- () Prepaid Debit Card Provider - any person or entity that purchases 800 access from an underlying carrier or unaffiliated entity for use with prepaid debit card service and/or encodes the cards with personal identification numbers.

**** FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION *****DIVISION OF COMMUNICATIONS**
BUREAU OF SERVICE EVALUATION**APPLICATION FORM**
for
AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE INTEREXCHANGE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE
WITHIN THE STATE OF FLORIDA**Instructions**

- A. This form is used for an original application for a certificate and for approval of sale, assignment or transfer of an existing certificate. In case of a sale, assignment or transfer, the information provided shall be for the purchaser, assignee or transferee (See Appendix A).
- B. Respond to each item requested in the application and appendices. If an item is not applicable, please explain why.
- C. Use a separate sheet for each answer which will not fit the allotted space.
- D. If you have questions about completing the form, contact:
- E. Once completed, submit the original and six (6) copies of this form along with a non-refundable application fee of \$250.00 to:

Florida Public Service Commission
 Division of Communications
 Bureau of Service Evaluation
 2540 Shumard Oak Blvd.
 Gunter Building
 Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850
 (904) 413-6600

Florida Public Service Commission
 Division of Administration
 2540 Shumard Oak Blvd.
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 Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850
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FORM PSC/CMU 31 (11/95)
 Required by Commission Rule Nos. 25-24.471, 25-24.473, and 25-24.480(2).

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2. This is an application for (check one):

- Original Authority (New company).
- Approval of Transfer (To another certificated company).
- Approval of Assignment of existing certificate (To an uncertificated company).
- Approval for transfer of control (To another certificated company).

3. Name of corporation, partnership, cooperative, joint venture or sole proprietorship:

ST Long Distance, Inc.

4. Name under which the applicant will do business (fictitious name, etc.):

ST Long Distance, Inc.

5. National address (including street name & number, post office box, city, state and zip code).

5540 Bee Ridge Road, Suite F-4, Sarasota, Florida 34233

6. Florida address (including street name & number, post office box, city state and zip code).

5540 Bee Ridge Road, Suite F-4, Sarasota, Florida 34233

7. Structure of organization;

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corporation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Foreign Corporation | <input type="checkbox"/> Foreign Partnership |
| <input type="checkbox"/> General Partnership | <input type="checkbox"/> Limited Partnership |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other, _____ | |

8. If applicant is an individual or partnership, please give name, title and address of sole proprietor or partners.

(a) Provide proof or compliance with the foreign limited partnership statute (Chapter 620.169 FS), if applicable.

(b) Indicate if the individual or any of the partners have previously been:

- (1) adjudged bankrupt, mentally incompetent, or found guilty of any felony or of any crime, or whether such actions may result from pending proceedings.
- (2) officer, director, partner or stockholder in any other Florida certificated telephone company. If yes, give name of company and relationship. If no longer associated with company, give reason why not.

9. If incorporated, please give:

- (a) Proof from the Florida Secretary of State that the applicant has authority to operate in Florida.

Please see Exhibit A

Corporate charter number: _____

- (b) Name and address of the company's Florida registered agent.

**CT Corporation System
1200 S. Pine Island Road
Plantation, Florida 33324**

- (c) Provide proof of compliance with the fictitious name statute (chapter 865.09 FS), if applicable.
Not applicable

Fictitious name of registration number: _____

- (c) Indicate if any of the officers, directors, or any of the ten largest stockholders have previously been:

- (1) adjudged bankrupt, mentally incompetent, or found guilty of any felony or of any crime, or whether such actions may result from pending proceedings.

NO

- (2) officer, director, partner or stockholder in any other Florida certificated telephone company. If yes, give name of company and relationship. If no longer associated with company, give reason why not.

NO

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Required by Commission Rule Nos. 25-24.471, 25-24.473, and 25-24.480(2).

10. Who will serve as liaison with the Commission in regard to (please give name, title, address, telephone number):

- (a) The applicant;
Benjamin H. Dickens, Jr., attorney-at-law
2120 L Street, N.W., Suite 300
Washington, D.C. 20037
(202) 659-0830
- (b) Official Point of Contact for the ongoing operations of the company;
B. Stephen May, Chief Operating Officer
5540 Bee Ridge Road, Suite F-4
Sarasota, Florida 34233
(941) 378-3532
- (c) Tariff;
Benjamin H. Dickens, Jr., attorney-at-law
2120 L Street, N.W., Suite 300
Washington, D.C. 20037
(202) 659-0830
- (d) Complaints/Inquiries from customers;
B. Stephen May, Chief Operating Officer
5540 Bee Ridge Road, Suite F-4
Sarasota, Florida 34233

11. List the states in which the applicant:

- (a) Has operated as an interexchange carrier.
Please see Exhibit B
- (b) Has applications pending to be certificated as an interexchange carrier.
Please see Exhibit B
- (c) Is certificated to operate as an interexchange carrier.
Please see Exhibit B
- (d) Has been denied authority to operate as an interexchange carrier and the circumstance involved.
Please see Exhibit B
- (e) Has had regulatory penalties imposed for violations of telecommunications statutes and the circumstances involved.
Please see Exhibit B
- (f) Has been involved in civil court proceedings with an interexchange carrier, local exchange company or other telecommunications entity, and the circumstances involved.
Please see Exhibit B

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Required by Commission Rule Nos. 25-24.471, 25-24.473, and 25-24.480(2).

12. What services will the applicant offer to other certificated telephone companies:

- Facilities. Operators.
 Billing and Collection. Sales.
 Maintenance.
 Other: Message Telecommunications Service

13. Do you have a marketing program? **Yes**

14. Will your marketing program:

- Pay commission?
 Offer sales franchises?
 Offer multi-level sales incentives?
 Offer other sales incentives?

15. Explain any of the offers checked in question 14 (To whom, what amount, type of franchise, etc.).

16. Who will receive the bills for your service (Check all that apply)?

- Residential customers. Business customers.
 PATS providers. PATS station end-users.
 Hotels & motels. Hotel & motel quests.
 Universities. Univ. dormitory residents.
 Other: (specify) _____

17. Please provide the following (if applicable):

(a) Will the name of your company appear on the bill for your services, and if not who will the billed party contact to ask questions about the bill (provide name and phone number) and how is this information provided?
Yes

(b) Name and address of the firm who will bill for your service.
Applicant will bill for its service.

18. Please provide all available documentation demonstrating that the applicant has the following capabilities to provide interexchange telecommunications service in Florida.

A. Financial capability.

Regarding the showing of financial capability, the following applies:

The application should contain the applicant's financial statements for the most recent 3 years, including:

1. the balance sheet
2. income statement
3. statement of retained earnings.

Further, a written explanation, which can include supporting documentation, regarding the following should be provided to show financial capability.

1. Please provide documentation that the applicant has sufficient financial capability to provide the requested service in the geographic area proposed to be served.

2. Please provide documentation that the applicant has sufficient financial capability to maintain the requested service.

3. Please provide documentation that the applicant has sufficient financial capability to meet its lease or ownership obligations.

NOTE: This documentation may include, but is not limited to, financial statements, a projected profit and loss statement, credit references, credit bureau reports, and descriptions of business relationships with financial institutions.

If available, the financial statements should be audited financial statements.

If the applicant does not have audited financial statements, it shall be so stated. The unaudited financial statements should then be signed by the applicant's chief executive officer and chief financial officer. The signatures should affirm that the financial statements are true and correct.

B. Managerial capability.

C. Technical capability.

19. Please submit the proposed tariff under which the company plans to begin operation. Use the format required by Commission Rule 25-24.485 (example enclosed).

20. The applicant will provide the following interexchange carrier services (Check all that apply):

MTS with distance sensitive per minute rates
 Method of access is FGA
 Method of access is FGB
 Method of access is FGD
 Method of access is 800

MTS with route specific rates per minute
 Method of access is FGA
 Method of access is FGB
 Method of access is FGD
 Method of access is 800

MTS with statewide flat rates per minute (i.e. not distance sensitive)

Method of access is FGA
 Method of access is FGB
 Method of access is FGD
 Method of access is 800

MTS for pay telephone service providers

Block-of-time calling plan (Reach out Florida, Ring America, etc.).

800 Service (Toll free)

WATS type service (Bulk or volume discount)
 Method of access is via dedicated facilities
 Method of access is via switched facilities

Private Line services (Channel Services)
(For ex. 1.544 mbs., DS-3, etc.)

Travel Service
 Method of access is 950
 Method of access is 800

900 service

Operator Services
 Available to presubscribed customers
 Available to non presubscribed customers (for example to patrons of hotels, students in universities, patients in hospitals.
 Available to inmates

Services included are:

Station assistance
 Person to Person assistance
 Directory assistance
 Operator verify and interrupt
 Conference Calling

21. What does the end user dial for each of the interexchange carrier services that were checked in services included (above).

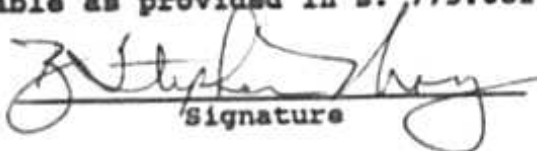
00 or 1-XXX-555-1212 for Directory Assistance

22. Other:

**** APPLICANT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT ****

1. **REGULATORY ASSESSMENT FEE:** I understand that all telephone companies must pay a regulatory assessment fee in the amount of .15 of one percent of its gross operating revenue derived from intrastate business. Regardless of the gross operating revenue of a company, a minimum annual assessment fee of \$50 is required.
2. **GROSS RECEIPTS TAX:** I understand that all telephone companies must pay a gross receipts tax of two and one-half percent on all intra and interstate business.
3. **SALES TAX:** I understand that a seven percent sales tax must be paid on intra and interstate revenues.
4. **APPLICATION FEE:** A non-refundable application fee of \$250.00 must be submitted with the application.
5. **RECEIPT AND UNDERSTANDING OF RULES:** I acknowledge receipt and understanding of the Florida Public Service Commission's Rules and Orders relating to my provision of interexchange telephone service in Florida. I also understand that it is my responsibility to comply with all current and future Commission requirements regarding interexchange service.
6. **ACCURACY OF APPLICATION:** By my signature below, I the undersigned owner or officer of the named utility in the application, attest to the accuracy of the information contained in this application and associated attachments. I have read the foregoing and declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief, the information is a true and correct statement.
Further, I am aware that pursuant to Chapter 837.06, Florida Statutes, "Whoever knowingly makes a false statement in writing with the intent to mislead a public servant in the performance of his official duty shall be guilty of a misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 and s. 775.083".

UTILITY OFFICIAL:


Signature

8-5-97
Date

B. Stephen May

Chief Operating Officer
Title

(941) 378-3537
Telephone No.

**** APPENDIX A ****

CERTIFICATE TRANSFER STATEMENT

NOT APPLICABLE TO APPLICATION

I, (TYPE NAME) _____,
(TITLE) _____, of (NAME OF COMPANY)
_____, and current
holder of certificate number _____, have reviewed
this application and join in the petitioner's request for a
transfer of the above-mention certificate.

UTILITY OFFICIAL:

Signature

Date

Title

Telephone No.

**** APPENDIX B ****

CUSTOMER DEPOSITS AND ADVANCE PAYMENTS

A statement of how the Commission can be assured of the security of the customer's deposits and advance payments may be responded to in one of the following ways (applicant please check one):

- () The applicant will not collect deposits nor will it collect payments for service more than one month in advance.

- () The applicant will file with the Commission and maintain a surety bond in an amount equal to the current balance of deposits and advance payments in excess of one month. (Bond must accompany application.)

UTILITY OFFICIAL:

_____	_____
Signature	Date

_____	_____
Title	Telephone No.

5. TRAFFIC RESTRICTIONS: Please explain how the applicant will comply with the EA requirements contained in Commission Rule 25-24.471 (4) (a) (copy enclosed).

Applicant will not change or augment the dialing pattern of end users for 0+ local or 0- calls. Applicant proposes to provide interexchange service and will is not proposing to undertake the activities of an alternative local exchange company.

6. CURRENT FLORIDA INTRASTATE SERVICES: Applicant has (x) or has () not previously provided intrastate telecommunications in Florida. If the answer is has, fully describe the following:

- a) What services have been provided and when did these services begin?

Resold interexchange services were introduced several months ago.

- b) If the services are not currently offered, when were they discontinued?

UTILITY OFFICIAL:

B. Stephen May
Signature

8-5-97
Date

B. Stephen May

Chief Operating Officer
Title

(941) 378-3532
Telephone No.

**** APPENDIX D ****

FLORIDA TELEPHONE EXCHANGES

AND

EAS ROUTES

Describe the service area in which you hold yourself out to provide service by telephone company exchange. If all services listed in your tariff are not offered at all locations, so indicate.

In an effort to assist you, attached is a list of major exchanges in Florida showing the small exchanges with which each has extended area service (EAS).

**** FLORIDA EAS FOR MAJOR EXCHANGES ****

<u>Extended Service Area</u>	<u>with</u>	<u>These Exchanges</u>
PENSACOLA:		Cantonment, Gulf Breeze Pace, Milton Holley-Navarre.
PANAMA CITY:		Lynn Haven, Panama City Beach, Youngstown-Fountain and Tyndall AFB.
TALLAHASSEE:		Crawfordville, Havana, Monticello, Panacea, Sopchoppy and St. Marks.
JACKSONVILLE:		Baldwin, Ft. George, Jacksonville Beach, Callahan, Maxville, Middleburg Orange Park, Ponte Vedra and Julington.
GAINESVILLE:		Alachua, Archer, Brooker, Hawthorne, High Springs, Melrose, Micanopy, Newberry and Waldo.
OCALA:		Belleview, Citra, Dunnellon,

	Forest Lady Lake (B21), McIntosh, Oklawaha, Orange Springs, Salt Springs and Silver Springs Shore.
DAYTONA BEACH:	New Smyrna Beach.
TAMPA:	Central None East Plant City North Zephyrhills South Palmetto West Clearwater
CLEARWATER:	St. Petersburg, Tampa-West and Tarpon Springs.
ST. PETERSBURG:	Clearwater.
LAKELAND:	Bartow, Mulberry, Plant City, Polk City and Winter Haven.
ORLANDO:	Apopka, East Orange, Lake Buena Vista, Oviedo, Windermere, Winter Garden, Winter Park, Montverde, Reedy Creek, and Oviedo-Winter Springs.
WINTER PARK:	Apopka, East Orange, Lake Buena Vista, Orlando, Oviedo, Sanford, Windermere, Winter Garden, Oviedo-Winter Springs Reedy Creek, Geneva and Montverde.
TITUSVILLE:	Cocoa and Cocoa Beach.
COCOA:	Cocoa Beach, Eau Gallie, Melbourne and Titusville.
MELBOURNE:	Cocoa, Cocoa Beach, Eau Gallie and Sebastian.
SARASOTA:	Bradenton, Myakka and Venice.
FT. MYERS:	Cape Coral, Ft. Myers Beach, North Cape Coral, North Ft. Myers, Pine Island, Lehigh Acres and Sanibel-Captiva Islands.
NAPLES:	Marco Island and North Naples.
WEST PALM BEACH:	Boynton Beach and Jupiter.

**** APPENDIX E ****

**** GLOSSARY ****

ACCESS CODE: The term denotes a uniform four or seven digit code assigned to an individual IXC. The five digit code has the form 10XXX and the seven digit code has the form 950-XXXX.

BYPASS: Transmission facilities that go direct from the local exchange end user to an IXC point of presence, thus bypassing the local exchange company.

CARRIERS CARRIER: An IXC that provides telecommunications service, mainly bulk transmission service, to other IXC only.

CENTRAL OFFICE: A local operating unit by means of which connections are established between subscribers' lines and trunk or toll lines to other central offices within the same exchange or other exchanges. Each three (3) digit central office code (NXX) used shall be considered a separate central office unit.

CENTRAL OFFICE CODE: The term denotes the first three digits (NXX) of the seven (7) digit telephone number assigned to a customer's telephone exchange service.

COMMISSION: The Florida Public Service Commission.

COMPANY, TELEPHONE COMPANY, UTILITY: These terms may be used interchangeably herein and shall mean any person, firm, partnership or corporation engaged in the business of furnishing communication service to the public under the jurisdiction of the Commission.

DEDICATED FACILITY: The term denotes a transmission circuit which is permanently for the exclusive use of a customer or a pair of customers.

END USER: The term denotes any individual, partnership, association, corporation, governmental agency or any other entity which (A) obtains a common line, uses a pay telephone or obtains interstate service arrangements in the operating territory of the company or (B) subscribes to interstate services provided by an IXC or uses the services of the IXC when the IXC provides interstate service for its own use.

EQUAL ACCESS EXCHANGE AREAS: EAEA means a geographic area, configured based on 1987 planned toll center/access tandem areas, in which local exchange companies are responsible for providing equal access to both carriers and customers of carriers in the most economically efficient manner.

EXCHANGE: The entire telephone plant and facilities used in providing telephone service to subscribers located in an exchange area. An exchange may include more than one central office unit.

EXCHANGE (SERVICE) AREA: The territory, including the base rate suburban and rural areas served by an exchange, within which local telephone service is furnished at the exchange rates applicable within that area.

EXTENDED AREA SERVICE: A type of telephone service furnished under tariff provision whereby subscribers of a given exchange or area may complete calls to, and receive messages from, one or more other contiguous exchanges without toll charges, or complete calls to one or more other exchanges without toll message charges.

FACILITIES BASED: An IXC that has its own transmission and/or switching equipment or other elements of equipment and does not rely on others to provide this service.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE SERVICES: A classification of exchange service furnished under tariff provisions whereby a subscriber may be provided telephone service from an exchange other than the one from which he would normally be served.

FEATURE GROUPS: General categories of unbundled tariffs to stipulate related services.

Feature Group A: Line side connections presently serving specialized common carriers.

Feature Group B: Trunk side connections without equal digit or code dialing.

Feature Group C: Trunk side connections presently serving AT&T-C.

Feature Group D: Equal trunk access with subscription.

INTEREXCHANGE COMPANY: means any telephone company, as defined in Section 364.02(4), F.S. (excluding Payphone Providers), which provides telecommunication service between exchange areas as those areas are described in the approved tariffs of individual local exchange companies.

INTER-OFFICE CALL: A telephone call originating in one central office unit or entity but terminating in another central office unit or entity both of which are in the same designated exchange area.

INTRA-OFFICE CALL: A telephone call originating and terminating within the same central office unit or entity.

INTRASTATE COMMUNICATIONS: The term denotes any communications in Florida subject to oversight by the Florida Public Service Commission as provided by the laws of the State.

INTRA-STATE TOLL MESSAGE: Those toll messages which originate and terminate within the same state.

LOCAL ACCESS AND TRANSPORT AREA: LATA means the geographic area established for the administration of communications service. It encompasses designated exchanges, which are grouped to serve common social, economic and other purposes.

LOCAL EXCHANGE COMPANY (LEC): Means any telephone company, as defined in Section 364.02(4), F.S., which, in addition to any other telephonic communication service, provides telecommunication service within exchange areas as those areas are described in the approved tariffs of the telephone company.

OPTIONAL CALLING PLAN: An optional service furnished under tariff provisions which recognizes a need of some subscribers for extended area calling without imposing the cost on the entire body of subscribers.

900 SERVICE: A service similar to 800 service, except this service is charged back to the customer based on first minute plus additional minute usage.

PIN NUMBER: A group of numbers used by a company to identify their customers.

PAY TELEPHONE SERVICE COMPANY: Means any telephone company, other than a Local Exchange Company, which provides pay telephone service as defined in Section 364.335(4), F.S.

POINT OF PRESENCE (POP): Bell-coined term which designates the

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actual (physical) location of an IXC's facility. Replaces some applications of the term "demarcation point."

PRIMARY SERVICE: Individual line service or party line service.

RESELLER: An IXC that does not have certain facilities but purchases telecommunications service from an IXC and then resells that service to others.

STATION: A telephone instrument consisting of a transmitter, receiver, and associated apparatus so connected as to permit sending and/or receiving telephone messages.

SUBSCRIBER, CUSTOMER: These terms may be used interchangeably herein and shall mean any person, firm, partnership, corporation, municipality, cooperative organization, or governmental agency supplied with communication service by a telephone company.

SUBSCRIBER LINE: The circuit or channel used to connect the subscriber station with the central office equipment.

SWITCHING CENTER: Location at which telephone traffic, either local or toll, is switched or connected from one circuit or line to another. A local switching center may be comprised of several central office units.

TRUNK: A communication channel between central office units or entities, or private branch exchanges.

APPLICATION FOR AUTHORIZATION 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. ST LONG DISTANCE, 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. Delaware
(State or country under the law of which it is incorporated)

3. Applied for
(FEI number, if applicable)

4. September 20, 1996
(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 617.156, F.S.))

7. 4759 Springmeadow Lane, Sarasota, Florida 34233
(Current mailing address)

8. Sale and marketing of long distance telephone services.
(Purpose(s) of corporation authorized in home state or country to be carried out in the state of Florida)

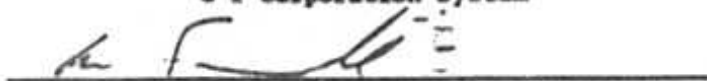
9. Name and street address of Florida registered agent:

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.

C T Corporation System



(Registered agent's signature) (Officer)

ALLAN FARNELL, ASSISTANT SECRETARY

(Type Name and Title of Officer)

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DIVISION OF CORPORATIONS
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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: _____

Address: _____

Vice Chairman: _____

Address: _____

Director: see attached list of directors _____

Address: _____

Director: _____

Address: _____

B. OFFICERS

President: see attached list of officers _____

Address: _____

Vice President: _____

Address: _____

Secretary: _____

Address: _____

Treasurer: _____

Address: _____

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

13. Walter E. Leach, Jr.
(Signature of Chairman, Vice Chairman, or any officer listed in number 12 of the application)

14. Walter E. Leach, Jr., Vice President
(Typed or printed name and capacity of person signing application)

Appendix to Florida
Application by Fgn. Corp. for Authorization to Transact Business in Florida

**Officers of
ST LONG DISTANCE, INC.**

1. Jack H. Thomas, Chief Executive Officer
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- a) States in which applicant has operated as an interexchange carrier:

Colorado, Florida, Illinois, Kansas, Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont

- b) States in which applicant has applications pending to be certificated as an interexchange carrier:

Connecticut, New York, Rhode Island

- c) States in which applicant is certificated or otherwise permitted to operate as an interexchange carrier:

Colorado, Illinois, Kansas, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, North Dakota, New Jersey, Virginia and Vermont.

- d) States in which applicant has been denied authority to operate as an interexchange carrier:

NONE

- e) States in which applicant has had regulatory penalties imposed for violations of telecommunications statutes:

NONE

- f) States in which applicant has been in civil court proceedings with an interexchange carrier, local exchange company or other telecommunications entity:

NONE

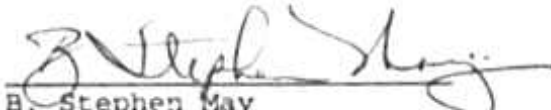
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Applicant has a \$200,000.00 capital commitment from its ultimate parent corporation, MJD Communications, Inc (a copy of which follows). Applicant's parent corporation is a financially sound member of the telecommunications industry and, in addition to maintaining its own standing in the industry, actively will seek to protect and support, as needed, the reputation and development of the Applicant.

Applicant projects financially stable and on-going operations soon after full operations commence. Following, are Applicant's balance sheet as of March 30, 1997 and a projected December 31, 1997 income statement. The attached financial statement reflects the Applicant's current financial status as a start-up company in an operational incubation period.

Applicant does not propose to lease or own facilities which are directly related to the provision of its proposed service. Applicant's proposed operations and the expertise and technical ability of its principals will produce a strong company with the viability to maintain the services and operations described herein on a consistent basis.

The Applicant does not have audited financial statements available. The following balance sheet and projected income statement are true and correct to the best of Applicant's knowledge.


B. Stephen May
Chief Operating Officer

8.5.97
Dated

Managerial and Technical Capability

Applicant is a wholly owned subsidiary of ST Enterprises, Ltd., the parent company of several other communications companies which operate local telephone exchanges. ST Enterprises, Ltd., the parent company, has a long standing relationship with numerous participants in the telecommunications industry and its officers and employees have developed managerial and technical expertise in the telecommunications field. Applicant intends to avail itself of its parent company's familiarity with the industry and with its well developed staff and management, as needed. Applicant's officers and directors, many of whom are extensively involved with and familiar with the telecommunications industry possess the managerial and technical ability necessary to undertake "switchless rebiller" operations.

Applicant proposes to do business as a "switchless rebiller," operating through the use of an underlying carrier's facilities. As such, Applicant will be reselling the service of carriers who already fall within the jurisdiction of the Florida Public Service Commission and whose technical operations must comply with F.P.S.C. specifications.

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M-J-D COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

Walter E. Leach, Jr.
*Secretary, Treasurer and
Chief Financial Officer*

June 3, 1997

Mr. B. Stephen May
ST Long Distance, Inc.
5534 Bee Ridge Road
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Dear Steve:

This letter is to confirm the commitment by MJD Communications, Inc., of \$200,000.00 to ST Long Distance, Inc.

Very Truly Yours,



Walter E. Leach, Jr.
CFO & Treasurer

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Wed Jun 3 1997

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ST Long Distance, Inc.
Balance Sheet as of March 30, 1997
(Unaudited)

ASSETS

Current Assets	
Cash	\$ 17,000.00
Other Cash Equivalents	2,202.00
Intra-affiliate Receivables	190,096.00
Accounts Receivable [†]	<u>200,000.00</u>
Total Current Assets	409,298.00
Property, Plant and Equipment	
Property, Plant and Equipment	19,079.00
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(786.00)</u>
Total Property, Plant and Equipment	18,293.00
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 427,591.00</u>

LIABILITIES AND EQUITY

Current Liabilities	
Accounts payable	\$ 92,334.00
Intra-affiliate accounts payable	276,142.00
Account payable - Parent [†]	200,000.00
Income Tax reserve	(52,496.00)
Accrued Liabilities	<u>4.00</u>
Total Current Liabilities	515,984.00
Stockholder's Equity	
Stock (100 shares of common stock with par value of \$0.01)	1.00
Additional Paid in Capital	99.00
Retained Earnings	<u>(88,493.00)</u>
Total Stockholder's Equity	(88,393.00)
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	<u>\$ 427,591.00</u>

† The Company has received a commitment for \$ 200,000 from its parent corporation.

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ST Long Distance, Inc.
Projected Income Statement for the
Initial year ended December 31, 1997

Sales Revenues	\$ 3,264,751.00
Commission Revenues	<u>30,000.00</u>
Total Sales & Commission Revenues	3,294,751.00
Cost of Goods Sold	<u>2,543,577.00</u>
Gross Revenue	\$ 751,174.00
Administrative Expenses and adjustment	831,859.00
Net Expenses over Revenues	\$ 80,685.00

TITLE SHEET

FLORIDA TELECOMMUNICATIONS TARIFF

This tariff contains the descriptions, regulations, and rates applicable to the furnishing of service and facilities for telecommunications services provided by **ST Long Distance, Inc.**, with principle offices at 5540 Bee Ridge Road, Sarasota, Florida 34233. This tariff applies for services furnished within the State of Florida. This tariff is on file with the Florida Public Service Commission, and copies may be inspected, during normal business hours, at the Company's principal place of business.

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CHECK SHEET

The sheets listed below, which are inclusive of this tariff, are effective as of the date shown at the bottom of the respective sheet(s). Original and revised sheets are named below and comprise all changes from the original tariff and are currently in effect as of the date on the bottom of this page.

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SYMBOLS SHEET

The following are the only symbols used for the purposes indicated below:

- D - Delete or Discontinue
- I - Change resulting in an Increase to a customer's bill
- M - Moved from another tariff location
- N - New
- R - Change resulting in a Reduction to a customer's bill
- T - Change in a Text or regulation but no change in rate or charge

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SECTION 1 - TECHNICAL TERMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

Access Line - An arrangement which connects the customer's location to a Company switching center or point of presence.

Authorized User - A person, firm, corporation, or any other entity authorized by the Customer to communicate utilizing the Company's service.

Company - Whenever used in this tariff, "Company" refers to ST Long Distance, Inc., unless otherwise specified.

Customer - The person, firm, corporation, or other business or residential entity which orders, cancels, amends, or uses service and is responsible for payment of charges and for compliance with the Company's tariff.

Day - A calling period classification which may be used in determining the rate or rates applicable to a call. The Day calling period begins at 8:00 a.m. and continues through to, but does not include, 5:00 p.m. on days of the week from Monday to, and including, Friday, except for holidays.

Dedicated Access Origination - Where originating access between the Customer and the interexchange carrier is provided on dedicated circuits. The cost of these dedicated circuits is billed by the access provider directly to the end user.

Evening/Weekend - A calling period classification which may be used in determining the rate or rates applicable to a call. The Evening/Weekend calling period begins at 5:00 p.m. and continues through to, but does not include, 8:00 a.m. on days of the week from Monday to, and including, Friday, except for holidays. The Evening/Weekend calling period is also applicable for the entire day on Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays as referenced herein.

Holidays - The Company recognizes holidays in conformance with the applicable recognized holidays of the underlying service provider.

Switched Access Origination - Where originating access between the customer and the interexchange carrier is provided on local exchange company Feature Group circuits.

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SECTION 2 - RULES AND REGULATIONS

2.1 Undertaking of ST Long Distance, Inc.

The Company's services and facilities are furnished to business and residential customers for intralATA and interLATA communications originating at specified points within Florida under terms of this tariff.

The Company installs, operates, and maintains the communications services provided hereinunder in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth under this tariff. The Company may act as the Customer's agent for ordering access connection facilities provided by other carriers or entities as required in the FPSC's rules and orders, when authorized by the Customer, to allow connection of a Customer's location to the Company's network. The Customer shall be responsible for all charges due for such service arrangement.

The Company's services and facilities are provided on a monthly basis unless otherwise indicated, and are available twenty-four hours per day, seven days per week.

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SECTION 2 - RULES AND REGULATIONS

2.2 Limitations

- A. Service is offered subject to the availability of the necessary facilities and equipment, and subject to the provisions of this tariff.
- B. The Company reserves the right to discontinue or limit service when necessitated by conditions beyond its control, or when the Customer is using service in violation of provisions of this tariff, or in violation of the law.
- C. The Company does not undertake to transmit messages, but offers the use of its facilities when available, and will not be liable for errors in transmission or for failure to establish connections.
- D. All facilities provided under this tariff are directly controlled by the Company, and the Customer may not transfer or assign the use of service or facilities without the express written consent of the Company. Such transfer or assignment shall only apply where there is no interruption of the use or location of the service or facilities.
- E. Prior written permission from the Company is required before any assignment or transfer. All regulations and conditions contained in this tariff shall apply to all such permitted assignees or transferees, as well as all conditions of service.

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SECTION 2 - RULES AND REGULATIONS

2.3 Liabilities of the Company

- A. The Company's liability for damages arising out of mistakes, interruptions, omissions, delays, errors, or defects in transmission which occur in the course of furnishing service or facilities, in no event shall exceed an amount equivalent to the proportionate charge to the Customer for the period during which the faults in transmission occur.
- B. The Company shall not be liable for claim or loss, expense or damage (including indirect, special or consequential damage), for any interruption, delay, error, omission, or defect in any service, facility, or transmission provided under this tariff, if caused by any person or entity other than the Company, by any malfunction of any service or facility provided by any carrier, by an act of God, fire, war, civil disturbance, or act of government, or by any other cause beyond the Company's direct control.
- C. The Company shall not be liable for, and shall be fully indemnified and held harmless by Customer against any claim or loss, expense, or damage (including indirect, special or consequential damage) for defamation, libel, slander, invasion, infringement of copyright or patent, unauthorized use of any trademark, tradename, or service mark, unfair competition, interference with or misappropriation or violation of any contract, proprietary or creative right, or any other injury to any person, property or entity arising out of the material, data, information, or other content revealed to, transmitted over the Company's facilities; or for any act or omission of the Customer; or for any personal injury or death of any person caused directly or indirectly by the installation, maintenance, location, condition, operation, failure, presence, use or removal of equipment or wiring provided by the Company, if not directly caused by negligence of the Company.

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2.3 Liabilities of the Company (continued)

- D. No agent or employee of any other carrier shall be deemed to be an agent or employee of the Company.
- E. The Company shall not be liable for any defacement of or damages to the premises of a Customer resulting from the furnishing of service which is not the direct result of the Company's negligence.

2.4 Interruption of Service

Credit allowances for interruptions of service which are not due to the Company's testing or adjusting, to the negligence of the Customer, or to the failure of channels, equipment or communications systems provided by the Customer, are subject to the general liability provisions set forth in Section 2.3 herein. It shall be the obligation of the Customer to notify Company immediately of any interruption in service for which a credit allowance is desired by Customer. Before giving such notice, Customer shall ascertain that the trouble is not within his or her control, or is not in wiring or equipment, if any, furnished by Customer and connected to Company's terminal. Interruptions caused by Customer-provided or Company-provided automatic dialing equipment are not deemed an interruption of service as defined herein since the Customer has the option of using the long distance network via local exchange company access.

2.5 Deposits

The Company does not require a deposit from the Customer.

2.6 Advance Payments

For Customers whom the Company feels an advance payment is necessary, the Company reserves the right to collect an amount not to exceed one (1) month's estimated charges as an advance payment for service. This will be applied against the next month's charges and if necessary a new advance payment will be collected for the next month.

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2.7 Taxes

All state and local taxes (i.e., gross receipts tax, sales tax, municipal utilities tax) are listed as separate line items and are not included in the quoted rates.

2.8 Payment for Service

The Customer is responsible for payment of all charges for services and equipment furnished to the Customer or to an Authorized User of the Customer by the Company. Except as provided below regarding billing and payment standards for residential customers, all charges due by the Customer are payable to the Company or to any agency duly authorized to receive such payments. The billing agency may be a local exchange telephone company, interexchange carrier, or other billing service. Terms of payment shall be according to the rules and regulations of the agency and subject to the rules of regulatory agencies, such as the FPSC. Any objections to billed charges must be promptly reported to the Company or the Company's billing agent. Adjustments to Customer's bills shall be made to the extent that circumstances exist which reasonably indicate that such changes are appropriate.

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2.9 Terminal Equipment

The Company's facilities and service may be used with or terminated in Customer-provided terminal equipment or Customer-provided communications systems, such as a PBX, key systems or Pay Telephone. Such terminal equipment shall be furnished and maintained at the expense of the Customer. The Customer is responsible for all costs at his or her premises, including personnel, wiring, electrical power, and the like, incurred in the use of the Company's service.

2.10 Installation

Service is installed upon mutual agreement between the Customer and the Company. The service agreement does not alter rates specified in this tariff.

2.11 Interconnection

Service furnished by the Company may be connected with the services or facilities of other carriers or enhanced service providers. The Customer is responsible for all charges billed by these entities for use in connection with the Company's service. Any special interface equipment or facilities necessary to achieve compatibility between these entities is the responsibility of the Customer.

2.12 Cancellation by Customer

Unless covered by a term agreement, Customer may cancel service by providing at least four (4) business days written notice to the Company.

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2.13 Refusal or Discontinuance by Company

Except as provided below regarding the discontinuance of service for residential customers, the Company may refuse or discontinue service under the following conditions provided that, unless otherwise stated, the Customer shall be given seven (7) days written notice to comply with any rule or to remedy any deficiency:

1. For non-compliance with or violation of any State, municipal, or Federal law, ordinance or regulation pertaining to telephone service.
2. For use of telephone service for any other property or purpose than that described in the application.
3. For neglect or refusal to provide reasonable access to the Company or its agents for the purpose of inspection and maintenance of equipment owned by the Company or its agents.
4. For noncompliance with or violation of FPSC regulation or the Company's rules and regulations on file with the FPSC.
5. For nonpayment of bills.
6. Without notice in the event of Customer or Authorized User use of equipment in such a manner as to adversely affect the Company's equipment or service to others.
7. Without notice in the event of tampering with the equipment or services owned by the Company or its agents.
8. Without notice in the event of unauthorized or fraudulent use of service. Whenever service is discontinued for fraudulent use of service, the Company may, before restoring service, require the Customer to make, at his or her own expense, all changes in facilities or equipment necessary to eliminate illegal use and to pay an amount reasonably estimated as the loss in revenues resulting from such fraudulent use.
9. Without notice by reason of any order or decision of a court or other government authority having jurisdiction which prohibits Company from furnishing such services.

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2.14 Inspection, Testing, and Adjustment

Upon reasonable notice, the facilities provided by the Company shall be made available to the Company for tests and adjustments as may be deemed necessary by the Company for maintenance. No interruption allowance will be granted for the time during which such tests and adjustments are made.

2.15 Tests, Pilots, Promotional Campaigns and Contests

- A. The Company may conduct tests or pilot programs at its discretion to demonstrate the ease of use and quality of its service.
- B. The Company may from time to time conduct promotional campaigns during which it offers services to new customers at lower rates and/or at lower processing fees for a specified period of time.
- C. The Company may also waive a portion or all processing fees or installation fees for winners of contests sponsored or endorsed by the Company.
- D. The Company will file all new or special rates applicable to tests, pilot programs, promotional campaigns, and/or contests with the FPSC for tariff approval at least thirty (30) days prior to the commencement of the event to which they apply and, if applicable, in accordance with Section 25-24.485(1)(i) of the FPSC rules.

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SECTION 3 - DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES

3.1 Timing of Calls

Long distance usage charges are based on the actual usage of the Company's network. The Company will determine that a call has been established by signal from the local telephone company. The time at which the called party completes the circuit is determined by hardware answer supervision in which the local telephone company sends a signal to the switch or software utilizing audio tone detection. A call is terminated when the calling or called party ends the circuit.

Minimum billed call duration and billing increments differ from product to product. Product specific information is included in the Rate Schedules.

The aggregate usage for each completed call is measured and rounded to the next higher billing increment for billing purposes.

There is no billing applied for incomplete calls.

3.2 Computation of Charges

Usage charges for service will be based on the total duration of the call, the time of day at which the service was used and applicable monthly charges.

3.3 Start of Service for Billing Purposes

For billing purposes, the start of service is the day following acceptance by the customer of Company's service or equipment. The end of service date is the last day of the minimum notification of cancellation or any portion of the last day, after receipt by the Company of notification of cancellation as described in Section 2 of this tariff.

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SECTION 3 - DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES

3.4 Rate Periods

The rate for a call may depend, in part, on the time of day rate period during which the call takes place. The Company uses the following definitions for time of day rate periods:

Day - The Day calling period begins at 8:00 a.m. and continues through to, but does not include, 5:00 p.m. on days of the week from Monday to, and including, Friday, except for holidays.

Evening/Weekend - The Evening/Weekend calling period begins at 5:00 p.m. and continues through to, but does not include, 8:00 a.m. on days of the week from Monday to, and including, Friday, except for holidays. The Evening/Weekend calling period is also applicable for the entire day on Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays as referenced herein.

3.5 Late Fee

A late fee of 1.5% may be charged on any past due balance against which it has not been previously assessed, beginning 30 days from the mailing date of the bill.

3.6 Returned Check Charges

A fee of the greater of \$5.00 or the actual administrative cost of recovery may be charged for each check returned for insufficient funds.

3.7 Reconnection Charge

A reconnection fee of \$25.00 per occurrence may be charged when service is re-established for customers who have been disconnected for non-payment.

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SECTION 3 - DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES**3.8 Calculation of Distance**

Usage charges for all mileage sensitive products are based on the airline distance between rate centers associated with the originating and terminating points of the call.

The airline mileage between rate centers is determined by applying the formula below to the vertical and horizontal coordinates associated with the rate centers involved. The company uses the rate centers and associated vertical and horizontal coordinates that are produced by Bell Communication Research in their NPA-NXX V&H Coordinate Tape and AT&T Tariff No. 10.

Formula:

$$\sqrt{\frac{(V_1 - V_2)^2 + (H_1 - H_2)^2}{10}}$$

3.9 Minimum Call Completion Rate

The customer can expect a call completion rate of not less than 95% (95 calls completed per 100 calls attempted) during peak use periods for all Feature Group D (1+) services.

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SECTION 3 - DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES**3.10 Special Services**

For the purpose of this tariff, a Special Service is deemed to be any service requested by the customer for which there is no prescribed rate in this tariff. Special Service charges will be developed on an individual case basis and filed in this tariff.

3.10.1 Special Service Regulations

Special Service charges will be based on the estimated cost of furnishing such services including the cost of operating and maintaining such a service, the cost of equipment and materials used in providing such a service, the cost of installation including engineering, labor supervision, transportation, and the cost of any other specific item associated with the particular Special Service request.

- A. If at the request of the customer, the Company obtains facilities not normally used to provide service to its customers, the cost incurred will be billed as a Special Service.
- B. If at the request of the customer, the Company provides technical assistance not normally required to provide service, the costs involved will be billed as a Special Service.
- C. When special signaling, conditioning, equipment or other features are required to make customer-provided equipment compatible with the Company service, the cost of providing these features will be billed as a Special Service.
- D. When additional testing is requested in excess of the normal testing required to provide service.

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3.10 Special Services

3.10.2 Hearing or Speech Impaired Persons

Rates for certain calls are reduced for a residence or single-line business customer who meet the following requirements:

- A. The customer is certified to the Company as having a hearing or speech impairment that prevents telephone voice communication.
- B. The customer uses a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) or other non-voice equipment for telecommunications.
- C. The customer makes written application to the Company for special rates.
- D. The customer designates to the Company one and only one telephone number associated with that customer's service and telecommunications device.

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SECTION 3 - DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES

3.11 Service Offerings

3.11.1 Message Telecommunications Service

Message Telecommunications Service is offered to business and residential customers. Message Telecommunications Service is a switched or dedicated outbound telecommunications service.

3.11.2 Toll Free Inbound Service

Toll Free Inbound Service is offered to business and residential customers. Toll Free Inbound Service is an inbound service originating on feature group facilities provided by the Local Exchange Carrier (LEC) and terminating on a Regular Business Line or a Special Access Line (SAL). This service enables Customers to receive Toll Free Inbound service calls at their residence or place of business.

3.11.3 Calling Card Service

Calling Card Service is offered to business and residential customers. Calling Card Service is offered as a complement to the Company's intrastate message telecommunications service. It allows customers to originate calls from any point within the state through use of a Calling Card via the Company's 800 Universal Access Number. Calls may be terminated to any point within the state via shared use facilities. No specialized services are offered in conjunction with this travel card.

Callers may utilize the Calling Card from either a tone generating or rotary-dial telephone, through use of the Company's 800 access number. Calls originating from rotary phones will be completed with the assistance of operators.

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SECTION 4 - RATES

4.1 Message Telecommunications Service

<u>Usage (billing units)</u>	<u>Switched</u>	<u>Dedicated</u>
Charge for each billing unit of use (six seconds)	\$ 0.0125	\$ 0.0090

Minimum Charge: For each individual completed usage of Message Telecommunications Service, an eighteen second minimum charge, applied at the above listed rates, will be charged to the Customer. This minimum charge will be incorporated into the total rate, as standard usage, if the usage exceeds the minimum time period.

4.2 Toll Free Inbound Service

<u>Usage (billing units)</u>	<u>Switched</u>	<u>Dedicated</u>
Charge for each billing unit of use (six seconds)	\$ 0.0125	\$ 0.0090

Minimum Charge: For each individual completed usage of Toll Free Inbound Service, an eighteen second minimum charge, applied at the above listed rates, will be charged to the Customer. This minimum charge will be incorporated into the total rate, as standard usage, if the usage exceeds the minimum time period.

4.3 Calling Card Service

<u>Usage (billing units)</u>	<u>Rate</u>
Charge for each billing unit of use (six seconds)	\$ 0.0210

Minimum Charge:
For each individual completed usage of Calling Card Service, a thirty second minimum charge, applied at the above listed rates, will be charged to the Customer. This minimum charge will be incorporated into the total rate, as standard usage, if the usage exceeds the minimum time period.

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SECTION 4 - RATES**4.4 Special Promotions**

The Company will, from time to time, offer special promotions to its customers waiving certain charges. These promotions will be approved by the FPSC with specific starting and ending dates and under no circumstances run for longer than 90 days in any 12 month period.

4.5 Discounts for Hearing Impaired, Visually Impaired, and Handicapped Persons**4.5.1 Telecommunications Relay Service**

Customer shall notify the Company in writing of usage of Telecommunications Relay Service (TRS) and whether either the called or calling party is both hearing and visually impaired. For intrastate toll calls received from the TRS, for which the Company has received notification, the Company will discount such toll calls by fifty (50) percent off of the otherwise applicable rate for a voice nonrelay call. For intrastate toll calls received from the TRS, for which the Company has received notification that the called or calling party is both hearing and visually impaired, the Company will discount such toll calls by sixty (60) percent off of the otherwise applicable rate for a voice nonrelay call. Discounts contained in this section apply only to time-sensitive elements of a charge for the call.

4.5.2 Telecommunications Devices for the Deaf

Customer shall notify the Company in writing of usage of Telecommunications Devices for the Deaf (TDD). Intrastate toll message rates for TDD users who have properly notified the Company of their usage shall be evening rates for daytime calls and night rates for evening and night calls.

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4.5.3 Individuals with Disabilities

Customer shall notify the Company in writing of usage of intrastate calls to directory assistance by individuals with a physical or mental impairment that prohibits the customer from using a telephone directory. There will be no charge for up to fifty (50) intrastate directory assistance calls, made by customers who have properly notified the Company in accordance with this section, per billing cycle from lines or trunks serving customers who have properly notified the Company in accordance with this section. The Company will charge its prevailing rate for every call in excess of the above permitted fifty (50) calls per billing cycle.

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Re: ST Long Distance, Inc.

To whom it may concern:

Enclosed herewith, please find an original and six copies of the Application Form for Authority to Provide Interexchange Telecommunications Service filed by ST Long Distance, Inc. which includes a proposed Florida Tariff No. 1. Check number 16048 in the amount of \$250.00 is enclosed to cover filing fees related to this filing.

An additional copy of this letter and the application containing a tariff is enclosed and marked "Receipt". Please mark this copy to indicate that the original has been filed. I have enclosed a self-addressed stamped envelope for the return of this copy.

Check received with filing and

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