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May 4, 2006 Via Overnight Delivery Ms. Brenda Hawkins 060377-71 Florida Public Service Commission Division of Administration 5-3 CO 2540 Shumard Oak Blvd. Gunter Building

RE: **Ripple Services**, Inc.

Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

Dear Ms. Hawkins:

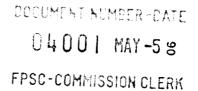
Enclosed for filing please find an original and six (6) copies of IXC Registration Form submitted on behalf of Ripple Services, Inc. The Company's interexchange tariff is also enclosed.

Please acknowledge receipt of this filing by date stamping and returning the additional copy of this letter in the self-addressed envelope provided.

Thank you for your assistance. If you should have any questions regarding the application, please do not hesitate to call.

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Sincerely, Monica Borne Haab



# IXC REGISTRATION FORM

Company Name Ripp	ple Services, Inc.
Florida Secretary of State R	egistration No.
Fictitious Name(s) as filed a	at Fla. Sec. of State None.
Company Mailing Name	Ripple Services, Inc.
Mailing Address	P.O. Box 6327
	Incline Village, NV 89450
Web Address	Www.ripple.com
E-mail Address	Info@ripplecomm.com
Physical Address	120 Country Club Drive, #64
	Incline Village, NV 89451-9331
Company Liaison	Dixi Dougherty
Title	Regulatory Contact
Phone	775-831-4064
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Address	P.O. Box 6327, Incline Village, NV 89451
Phone	775-831-4064
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E-mail address	info@ripplecomm.com

My company's tariff as required in Section 364.04, Florida Statutes, is enclosed with this form. I understand that my company must notify the Commission of any changes to the above information pursuant to Section 364.02, Florida Statutes. My company will owe Regulatory Assessment Fees for each year or partial year my registration is active pursuant to Section 364.336, Florida Statutes. My company will comply with Section 364.603, Florida Statutes, concerning carrier selection requirements, and Section 364.604, Florida Statutes, concerning billing practices.

Monira Borne Haat

Signature of Company Representative

Monica Borne Haab, Attorney for Applicant

5/2/2006

Printed/Typed Name of Representative

Date Effective:

# **EXHIBIT A - CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY**

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# **COVER LETTER**

TO: Registration Section Division of Corporations

SUBJECT: Ripple Services, Inc.

(Name of corporation - must include suffix)

Dear Sir or Madam:

The enclosed "Application by Foreign Corporation for Authorization to Transact Business in Florida," "Certificate of Existence," and check are submitted to register the above referenced foreign corporation to transact business in Florida.

Please return all correspondence concerning this matter to the following:

Caroline Pays

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Nowalsky, Bronston and Gothard,	APLLC	
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3500 North Causeway Blvd., Suite	1442	
	(Address)	
Metairie, LA 70002		
<u>.</u>	(City/State and Zip code)	
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For further information concerning this matter, please call:

 Caroline Pays
 at (504) 832-1984

 (Name of Person)
 (Area Code & Daytime Telephone Number)

STREET/COURIER ADDRESS: Registration Section Division of Corporations Clifton Building 2661 Executive Center Circle Tallahassee, FL 32301

Enclosed is a check for the following amount:

♥ \$70.00 Filing Fee

Certificate of Status

MAILING ADDRESS: Registration Section Division of Corporations P.O. Box 6327 Tallahassee, FL 32314

S78.75 Filing Fee & Certified Copy Certificate of Status & Certified Copy

# 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. Ripple Services, Inc.

(Enter name of corporation; must include "INCORPORATED," "COMPANY," "CORPORATION," "Inc.," "Co.," "Corp," "Inc," "Co," or "Corp.")

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(State or country	under the law of which it is incorporated		(FEI number, if	applicable)
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(Date	of incorporation)		(Duration: Year corp. will ceas	se to exist or "perpetual")
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			Florida, if prior to registration) 02, F.S., to determine penalty lia	bility)
120 Country Clui	b Drive, #64, Incline Village, NV 89451			SE CIN
	(Principal office	addı	ress)	
PO Box 6327, In	cline Village, NV 89450			ngu -
	(Current mailing	g addi	ress)	
Telecommunicat	tion Services			
	) of corporation authorized in home state	or co	untry to be carried out in state of	
. Name and stree	t address of Florida registered agent:	(P.C	. Box <u>NOT</u> acceptable)	
Name:	Corporation Service Company			
office Address:	1201 Hays Street			
	Tallahassee		, Florida <u>32301</u>	
	(City)		(Zip code)	

# 10. Registered agent's 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 obligations of my position as registered agent.

Corporation Service Company By: (Registered agent's signature)

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 business addresses of officers and/or directors:

# A. DIRECTORS

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If necessary, you may ottach an addendum to the application listing additional officer	and/or directors	
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(Signature of Director or Officer listed in number 12 of the application)	·	
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(Typed or printed name and capacity of person signing application)

# **Registered Agent's Acceptance**

RE: Ripple Services, Inc.

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Dated: March 28, 2006

Corporation Service Company

By:

Carol Dolor, Assistant Vice President

# **EXHIBIT B - INTEREXCHANGE TARIFF**

Florida Tariff No. 1 Original Sheet 1

#### 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 Ripple Services, Inc. with principal offices at 120 Country Club Drive, #64, Incline Village, NV 89451-9331. 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 as named below comprise all changes from the original tariff and are currently in effect as of the date of 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 Text Or Regulation But No Change In Rate Or Charge

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# TARIFF FORMAT SHEETS

**A.** Sheet Numbering - Sheet numbers appear in the upper right corner of the page. Sheets are numbered sequentially. However, new sheets are occasionally added to the tariff. When a new sheet is added between sheets already in effect, a decimal is added. For example, a new sheet added between sheets 14 and 15 would be 14.1.

**B.** Sheet Revision Numbers - Revision numbers also appear in the upper right corner of each page. These numbers are used to determine the most current sheet version on file with the FPSC. For example, the 4th revised Sheet 14 cancels the 3rd revised Sheet 14. Because of various suspension periods, deferrals, etc, the FPSC follows in their tariff approval process, the most current sheet number on file with the Commission is not always the tariff page in effect. Consult the Check Sheet for the sheet currently in effect.

**C.** Paragraph Numbering Sequence - There are various levels of paragraph coding. Each level of coding is subservient to its next higher level:

2. 2.1. 2.1.1. 2.1.1.A. 2.1.1.A.1. 2.1.1.A.1.(a).

**D.** Check Sheets - When a tariff filing is made with the FPSC, an updated check sheet accompanies the tariff filing. The check sheet lists the sheets contained in the tariff, with a cross reference to the current revision number. When new pages are added, the check sheet is changed to reflect the revision. All revisions made in a given filing are designated by an asterisk (\*). There will be no other symbols used on this page if these are the only changes made to it (i.e., the format, etc. remains the same, just revised revision levels on some pages). The tariff user should refer to the latest check sheet to find out if a particular sheet is the most current on file with the FPSC.

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### SECTION 1 - TECHNICAL TERMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

Access Line - An arrangement which connects the customer's location to the Company's network switching center.

Authorization Code - A numerical code, one or more of which are available to a customer to enable him/her to access the carrier, and which are used by the carrier both to prevent unauthorized access to its facilities and to identify the customer for billing purposes.

Company or Carrier - Ripple Services, Inc.

Customer - the person, firm, corporation or other entity which orders service and is responsible for payment of charges due and compliance with the Company's tariff regulations.

Day - From 8:00 AM up to but not including 5:00 PM local time Monday through Friday.

Evening - From 5:00 PM up to but not including 11:00 PM local time Sunday through Friday.

Holidays - The Company's recognized holidays are New Year's Day, Memorial Day, July 4th, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day.

Night/Weekend - From 11:00 PM up to but not including 8:00 AM Sunday through Friday, and 8:00 AM Saturday up to but not including 5:00 PM Sunday.

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# **SECTION 2 - RULES AND REGULATIONS**

#### 2.1 Undertaking of the Company.

The Company's services and facilities are furnished for communications originating at specified points within the state of Florida under terms of this tariff.

The Company installs operates, and maintains the communications services provided herein in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth under this tariff. It may act as the customer's agent for ordering access connection facilities provided by other carriers or entities 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 ordered on a longer term basis, and are available twenty-four hours per day, seven days per week.

The selling of IXC telecommunication service to uncertificated IXC resellers is prohibited.

#### 2.2 Limitations.

- 2.2.1 Service is offered subject to the availability of facilities and provisions of this tariff.
- 2.2.2 The Company's reserves the right to discontinue furnishing service, or limit the use of service necessitated by conditions beyond its control: or when the customer is using service in violation of the law or the provisions of this tariff.

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# SECTION 2 - RULES AND REGULATIONS continued

#### 2.2 Limitations (Cont.)

- 2.2.3 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, except with 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.
- 2.2.4 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 for service.
- 2.2.5 Customers reselling or rebilling services must have a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity as an interexchange carrier for the Florida Public Service Commission.

#### 2.3 Liabilities of the Company.

- 2.3.1 The Company's liability arising out of mistakes, interruptions, omissions, delays, errors, or defects in the transmission occurring in the course of furnishing service or facilities, and not caused by the negligence of its employees or its agents, in no event shall exceed an amount equivalent to the proportionate charge to the customer for the period during which the aforementioned faults in transmission occur, unless ordered by the Commission.
- 2.3.2 The Company shall be indemnified and held harmless by the customer against:
  - (A) Claims for libel, slander, or infringement of copyright arising out of the material, data, information, or other content transmitted over the Company's facilities.
  - (B) All other claims arising out of any act or omission of the customer in connection with any service or facility provided by the Company.

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# SECTION 2 - RULES AND REGULATIONS continued

#### 2.4 Interruption of Service.

- 2.4.1 Credit allowance for the interruption of service which is not due to The Company's testing or adjusting, negligence of the customer, or to the failure of channels or equipment provided by the customer, are subject to the general liability provisions set forth in 2.3.1 herein. It shall be the customer's obligation to notify the Company immediately of any service interruption for which a credit allowance is desired. Before giving such notice, the customer shall ascertain that the trouble is not being caused by any action or omission by the customer within his control, if any, furnished by the customer and connected to the Company's facilities. No refund or credit will be made for the time that the Company stands ready to repair the service and the subscriber does not provide access to the Company for such restoration work.
- 2.4.2 No credit shall be allowed for an interruption of a continuous duration of less than twenty-four hours after the subscriber notifies the Company.
- 2.4.3 The customer shall be credited for an interruption of more than twenty-four hours as follows:

Credit Formula:

 $Credit = A/B \times C$ 

"A" - outage time in hours

- "B" total hours in month (720 hours)
- "C" total monthly charge for affected facility

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# SECTION 2 - RULES AND REGULATIONS continued

# 2.5 Disconnection of Service by Carrier.

The Company, upon five (5) working days written notice to the customer, may discontinue service or cancel an application for service without incurring any liability for any of the following reasons:

- 2.5.1 Non-payment of any sum due to carrier for regulated service for more than thirty days beyond the date of rendition of the bill for such service.
- 2.5.2 A violation of any regulation governing the service under this tariff.
- 2.5.3 A violation of any law, rule, or regulation of any government authority having jurisdiction over such service.
- 2.5.4 The company has given the customer notice and has allowed a reasonable time to comply with any rule, or remedy, and deficiency as stated in Rule 25-4.113, F.A.C., Refusal or Discontinuance of Service by Company.

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#### 2.6 Deposits

The Company does not require a deposit from the customer.

# 2.7 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.

# 2.8 <u>Taxes</u>

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.

#### 2.9 Billing of Calls

All charges due by the subscriber are payable at any agency duly authorized to receive such payments. Any objection to billed charges should be promptly reported to the Company. Adjustments to customers' bills shall be made to the extent that records are available and/or circumstances exist which reasonably indicate that such charges are not in accordance with approved rates or that an adjustment may otherwise be appropriate.

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# SECTION 3 - DESCRIPTION OF SERVICE

#### 3.1 Timing of Calls

#### 3.1.1 When Billing Charges Begin and End For Phone Calls

The customer's long distance usage charge is based on the actual usage of the Company's network. Usage begins when the called party answers (i.e. when 2 way communication, often referred to as "conversation time" is possible.). When the called party answers is determined by hardware answer supervision in which the local telephone company sends a signal to the switch or the software utilizing audio tone detection. When software answer supervision is employed, up to 60 seconds of ringing is allowed before it is billed as usage of the network. A call is terminated when the calling or called party hangs up.

#### 3.1.2 Billing Increments

The billing increments for each service is set forth in the individual product rate section.

# 3.1.3 Per Call Billing Charges

Billing will be rounded up to the nearest penny for each call.

#### 3.1.4 Uncompleted Calls

There shall be no charges for uncompleted calls.

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### SECTION 3 - DESCRIPTION OF SERVICE continued

# 3.2 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 that are produced by Bell Communications Research in the NPA-NXX V & H Coordinates Tape and Bell's NECA Tariff No. 4.

#### FORMULA:

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#### 3.3 Minimum Call Completion Rate

A customer can expect a call completion rate (number of calls completed / number of calls attempted) of not less than 90% during peak use periods for all FG D services ("1+" dialing).

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### SECTION 3 - DESCRIPTION OF SERVICE continued

# 3.4 Service Offerings

#### 3.4.1 **Outbound Long Distance Service**

Long Distance service permits residential and business direct dialed outbound calling at a single per minute rate. Service is provided from presubscribed, dedicated or shared use access lines. Call billing increments may vary. (See Section 4.1.)

# 3.4.2 Inbound 8XX Long Distance Service

The Company does not provide Inbound 8XX Long Distance services at this time.

# 3.4.3 Travel Card Service

The Company does not provide travel card services at this time.

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# SECTION 3 - DESCRIPTION OF SERVICE continued

# 3.4.4 **Operator Services**

The Company does not provide operator services at this time.

# 3.4.5 Directory Assistance

Listed telephone numbers will be provided to requesting customers at the per call charge set forth in Section 4. Customers may request up to 2 numbers per call.

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# SECTION 4 - RATES

### 4.1 Switched Access Outbound Rates

InterLATA \$0.069 per minute. IntraLATA \$0.065 per minute Billed in whole minute increments.

# 4.2 Directory Assistance

\$0.85 per call. (Up to 2 requests per call.)

# 4.3 Payment of Calls

# 4.3.1 Late Payment Charges

Charges of 1.5% per month will be assessed on all unpaid balances more than thirty days old.

# 4.3.2 Return Check Charges

A return check charge of \$25.00 will be assessed for checks returned for insufficient funds if the face value does not exceed \$50.00, \$30.00 if the face value does exceed \$50.00 but does not exceed \$300.00, \$40.00 if the face value exceeds \$300.00 or 5% of the value of the check, which ever is greater.

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#### SECTION 4 - RATES continued

#### 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 will be made part of this tariff.

### 4.5 Special Rates For The Handicapped

#### 4.5.1. Directory Assistance

There shall be no charge for up to fifty calls per billing cycle from lines or trunks serving individuals with disabilities. The Company shall charge the prevailing tariff rates for every call in excess of 50 within a billing cycle.

### 4.5.2. Hearing and Speech Impaired Persons

Intrastate toll message rates for TDD users shall be evening rates for daytime calls and night rates for evening and night calls.

#### 4.5.3. <u>Telecommunications Relay Service</u>

For intrastate toll calls received from the relay service, the Company will when billing relay calls discount relay service calls by 50 percent off of the otherwise applicable rate for a voice nonrelay call except that where either the calling or called party indicates that either party is both hearing and visually impaired, the call shall be discounted 60 percent off of the otherwise applicable rate for a voice nonrelay call. The above discounts apply only to time-sensitive elements of a charge for the call and shall not apply to per call charges such as a credit card surcharge.

#### 4.6 Pay Telephone (Payphone) Dial-Around Surcharge

A \$0.35 surcharge shall be assessed for each call made from a pay telephone to an 8XX number or using a travel card and dialing the carrier prefix in the form 101XXXX.

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