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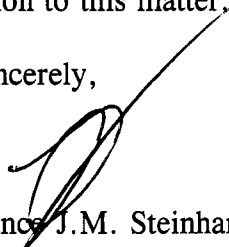
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Please return a stamped copy of the extra copy of this letter in the enclosed preaddressed prepaid envelope.

If you have any questions regarding the application or the tariff, please do not hesitate to call me. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lance J.M. Steinhart, Esq.", with a long, sweeping line extending upwards and to the right.

Lance J.M. Steinhart, Esq.
Attorney for Blackstone Communications Company

Enclosures
cc: Mr. Luis Arias

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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:

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Bureau of Service Evaluation
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- E. Once completed, submit the original and six (6) copies of this form along with a non-refundable application fee of \$250.00 to:

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FORM PSC/CMU 31 (11/91)

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

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

- Facilities based carrier** - company owns and operates or plans to own and operate telecommunications switches and transmission facilities in Florida.
- 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.
- Switchless rebiller** - 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.

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 a noncertificated company).
- Approval for transfer of control** (To another certificated company).

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

Blackstone Communications Company

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

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

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Miami, Florida 33166**

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

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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 of compliance with the foreign limited partnership statute (Chapter 620.160 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.

Corporate charter number: P95000011500

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

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- (c) Provide proof of compliance with the fictitious name statute (Chapter 865.09 FS), if applicable.

Fictitious name registration number: _____

- (d) 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.

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

(a) The application;

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(b) Official Point of Contact for the ongoing operations of the company;

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(305) 639-9590

(c) Tariff;

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770-232-9200

(d) Complaints/Inquiries from customers;

Eddie Pena
Blackstone Communications Company
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Miami, Florida 33166
(800) 469-6535

11. List the states in which the applicant:

(a) Has operated as an interexchange carrier.

None

(b) Has applications pending to be certificated as an interexchange carrier.

Applicant is in the process of filing Applications in all remaining states.

(c) Is certificated to operate as an interexchange carrier.

None

(d) Has been denied authority to operate as an interexchange carrier and the circumstances involved.

None.

(e) Has had regulatory penalties imposed for violations of telecommunications statutes and the circumstances involved.

None.

(f) Has been involved in civil court proceedings with an interexchange carrier, local exchange company or other telecommunications entity, and the circumstances involved.

None.

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

- | | |
|---|------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Facilities | <input type="checkbox"/> Operators |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Billing and Collection | <input type="checkbox"/> Sales |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Maintenance | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ | |

None.

13. Do you have a marketing program?

Yes.

14. Will your marketing program:

- Pay commissions?
- 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.).

Applicant will pay commissions to sales representatives.

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

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Residential customers | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Business customers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PATS providers | <input type="checkbox"/> PATS station end-users |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hotels & motels | <input type="checkbox"/> Hotel & motel guests |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Universities | <input type="checkbox"/> Univ. dormitory residents |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 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?

Applicant's name and toll free number will appear on all end-users' bills.

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

The Company intends to direct bill customers utilizing real-time completed call detail information from its underlying carriers.

18. Please provide all available documentation demonstrating that the applicant has the following capabilities to provide interexchange telecommunications services 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 earning.

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.

See Attached.

C. Technical capability.

Applicant will use the network services of its underlying carrier to provide services to customers in the State of Florida.

19. Please submit the proposed tariff under which the company plans to begin operation. Use the format required by Commission Rule 25-24.482 (example enclosed).

See Attached.

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).

1 (or 101XXXX) + area code+ number or 1-800-XXX-XXXX

21. **Other:**

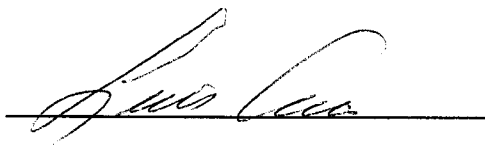
**** APPENDIX B ****

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:



3-25-99
Date

Luis Arias

President (305-639-9590
Title Telephone No.

LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

PROPOSED TARIFF

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

MANAGEMENT INFORMATION

PROPOSED TARIFF

TITLE SHEETFLORIDA TELECOMMUNICATIONS TARIFF

This tariff contains the descriptions, regulations, and rates applicable to the furnishing of service or facilities for Telecommunications Services furnished by Blackstone Communications Company ("BCC"), with principal offices at 7900 NW 36th Street, 2nd Floor, Miami, Florida 33166. This tariff applies for telecommunications 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 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 on the bottom right-hand side of this sheet.

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SYMBOLS

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

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 pages 11 and 12 would be page 11.1.

B. Sheet Revision Numbers: Revision numbers also appear in the upper right corner of each sheet where applicable. These numbers are used to indicate the most current page version on file with the Commission. For example, 4th Revised Sheet 13 cancels 3rd Revised Sheet 13. Consult the Check Sheet for the sheets currently in effect.

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

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D. Check Sheets: When a tariff filing is made with the Commission, 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 sheets 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 sheet if these are the only changes made to it (i.e., the format, etc. remains the same, just revised revision levels on some sheets). The tariff user should refer to the latest Check Sheet to find out if a particular sheet is the most current on Commission file.

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SECTION 1 - TECHNICAL TERMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

Access Line - An arrangement from a local exchange telephone company or other common carrier, using either dedicated or switched access, which connects a Customer's location to BCC's location or switching center.

Authorization Code - A numerical code, one or more of which may be assigned to a Customer, to enable BCC to identify the origin of the Customer so it may rate and bill the call. Automatic number identification (ANI) is used as the authorization code wherever possible.

Commission - Used throughout this tariff to mean the Florida Public Service Commission.

Customer - The person, firm, corporation or other legal entity which orders the services of BCC or purchases a BCC Prepaid Calling Card and/or originates prepaid calls using such cards, and is responsible for the payment of charges and for compliance with the Company's tariff regulations.

Company or BCC - Used throughout this tariff to mean Blackstone Communications Company, a Florida corporation.

Dedicated Access - The Customer gains entry to the Company's services by a direct path from the Customer's location to the Company's point of presence.

Holiday - New Year's Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. Holidays shall be billed at the evening rate from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. After 11 p.m., the lower night rate shall go into effect.

Prepaid Account - An inventory of Telecom Units purchased in advance by the Customer, and associated with one and only one Authorization Code as contained in a specific Prepaid Calling Card.

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Prepaid Calling Card - A card issued by the Company, containing an Authorization Code which identifies a specific Prepaid Account of Telecom Units, which enables calls to be processed, account activity to be logged, and balances to be maintained, on a prepayment basis.

Resp. Org - Responsible Organization or entity identified by an 800 service Customer that manages and administers records in the 800 database and management system.

Switched Access - The Customer gains entry to the Company's services by a transmission line that is switched through the local exchange carrier to reach the Company's point of presence.

Telecom Unit - A measurement of telecommunications service equivalent to one minute of usage between any two points within the State of Florida.

Telecommunications - The transmission of voice communications or, subject to the transmission capabilities of the services, the transmission of data, facsimile, signaling, metering, or other similar communications.

Underlying Carrier - The telecommunications carrier whose network facilities provide the technical capability and capacity necessary for the transmission and reception of Customer telecommunications traffic.

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SECTION 2 - RULES AND REGULATIONS**2.1 Undertaking of the Company**

This tariff contains the regulations and rates applicable to intrastate resale telecommunications services provided by BCC for telecommunications between points within the State of Florida. Resale services are furnished subject to the availability of facilities and subject to the terms and conditions of this tariff in compliance with limitations set forth in the Commission's rules. The Company's services are provided on a statewide basis and are not intended to be limited geographically. The Company offers service to all those who desire to purchase service from the Company consistent with all of the provisions of this tariff. Customers interested in the Company's services shall file a service application with the Company which fully identifies the Customer, the services requested and other information requested by the Company. The Company 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 a service provided by the Company. The Customer shall be responsible for all charges due for such service arrangement.

- 2.1.1 The services provided by BCC are not part of a joint undertaking with any other entity providing telecommunications channels, facilities, or services, but may involve the resale of the Message Toll Services (MTS) and Wide Area Telecommunications Services (WATS) of underlying common carriers subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission.

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- 2.1.2 The rates and regulations contained in this tariff apply only to the resale services furnished by BCC and do not apply, unless otherwise specified, to the lines, facilities, or services provided by a local exchange telephone company or other common carriers for use in accessing the services of BCC.
- 2.1.3 The Company reserves the right to limit the length of communications, to discontinue furnishing services, or limit the use of service necessitated by conditions beyond its control, including, without limitation: lack of satellite or other transmission medium capacity; the revision, alteration or repricing of the Underlying Carrier's tariffed offerings; or when the use of service becomes or is in violation of the law or the provisions of this tariff.

2.2 Use and Limitations of Services

- 2.2.1 BCC's services may be used for any lawful purpose consistent with the transmission and switching parameters of the telecommunications facilities utilized in the provision of services, subject to any limitations set forth in this Section 2.2.
- 2.2.2 The use of BCC's services to make calls which might reasonably be expected to frighten, abuse, torment, or harass another or in such a way as to unreasonably interfere with use by others is prohibited.
- 2.2.3 The use of BCC's services without payment for service or attempting to avoid payment for service by fraudulent means or devices, schemes, false or invalid numbers, or false calling or credit cards is prohibited.

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- 2.2.4 BCC's services are available for use twenty-four hours per day, seven days per week.
- 2.2.5 BCC does not transmit messages, but the services may be used for that purpose.
- 2.2.6 BCC's services may be denied for nonpayment of charges or for other violations of this tariff subject to Section 2.5.1 herein.
- 2.2.7 Customers shall not use the service provided under this tariff for any unlawful purpose.
- 2.2.8 The Customer is responsible for notifying the Company immediately of any unauthorized use of services.

2.3 Liability of the Company

- 2.3.1 The Company shall not be liable for any claim, loss, expense or damage for any interruption, delay, error, omission, or defect in any service, facility or transmission provided under this tariff, if caused by an act of God, fire, war, civil disturbance, act of government, or due to any other causes beyond the Company's control.
- 2.3.2 The Company shall not be liable for, and shall be fully indemnified and held harmless by the Customer against any claim, loss, expense, or damage for defamation, libel, slander, invasion, infringement of copyright or patent, unauthorized use of any trademark, trade name or service mark, proprietary or creative right, or any other injury to any person, property or entity arising out of the material, data or information transmitted.
- 2.3.3 No agent or employee of any other carrier or entity shall be deemed to be an agent or employee of the Company.

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- 2.3.4 The Company's liability, resulting in whole or in part from or arising in connection with the furnishing of service under this tariff, including but not limited to mistakes, omissions, interruptions, delays, errors, or other defects shall not exceed an amount equal to the charges provided for under this tariff for the long distance call for the period during which the call was affected. No other liability in any event shall attach to the Company, except as ordered by the Commission.
- 2.3.5 The Company shall not be liable for and shall be indemnified and saved harmless by any Customer or by any other entity from any and all loss, claims, demands, suits, or other action or any liability whatsoever, whether suffered, made, instituted, or asserted by any Customer or any other entity for any personal injury to, or death of, any person or persons, and for any loss, damage, defacement or destruction of the premises of any Customer or any other entity or any other property whether owned or controlled by the Customer or others.
- 2.3.6 The Company shall not be liable for any indirect, special, incidental, or consequential damages under this tariff including, but not limited to, loss of revenue or profits, for any reason whatsoever, including the breakdown of facilities associated with the service, or for any mistakes, omissions, delays, errors, or defects in transmission occurring during the course of furnishing service.
- 2.3.7 The remedies set forth herein are exclusive and in lieu of all other warranties and remedies, whether express or implied, INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITATION IMPLIED WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY AND FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE.

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2.4 Responsibilities of the Customer

- 2.4.1 The Customer is responsible for placing any necessary orders and complying with tariff regulations. The Customer is also responsible for the payment of charges for services provided under this tariff.
- 2.4.2 The Customer is responsible for charges incurred for special construction and/or special facilities which the Customer requests and which are ordered by BCC on the Customer's behalf.
- 2.4.3 If required for the provision of BCC's services, the Customer must provide any equipment space, supporting structure, conduit and electrical power without charge to BCC.
- 2.4.4 The Customer is responsible for arranging access to its premises at times mutually agreeable to BCC and the Customer when required for BCC personnel to install, repair, maintain, program, inspect or remove equipment associated with the provision of BCC's services.
- 2.4.5 The Customer shall cause the temperature and relative humidity in the equipment space provided by Customer for the installation of BCC's equipment to be maintained within the range normally provided for the operation of microcomputers.
- 2.4.6 The Customer shall ensure that the equipment and/or system is properly interfaced with BCC's facilities or services, that the signals emitted into BCC's network are of the proper mode, bandwidth, power and signal level for the intended use of the subscriber and in compliance with criteria set forth in this tariff, and that the signals do not

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damage equipment, injure personnel, or degrade service to other Customers. If the Federal Communications Commission or some other appropriate certifying body certifies terminal equipment as being technically acceptable for direct electrical connection with the telephone network, BCC will permit such equipment to be connected with its channels without the use of protective interface devices. If the Customer fails to maintain the equipment and/or the system properly, with resulting imminent harm to BCC equipment, personnel or the quality of service to other Customers, BCC may, upon written notice, require the use of protective equipment at the Customer's expense. If this fails to produce satisfactory quality and safety, BCC may, upon written notice, terminate the Customer's service.

- 2.4.7 The Customer must pay BCC for replacement or repair of damage to the equipment or facilities of BCC caused by negligence or willful act of the Customer or others, by improper use of the services, or by use of equipment provided by Customer or others.
- 2.4.8 The Customer must pay for the loss through theft of any BCC equipment installed at Customer's premises.
- 2.4.9 If BCC installs equipment at Customer's premises, the Customer shall be responsible for payment of any applicable installation charge.
- 2.4.10 The Customer must use the services offered in this tariff in a manner consistent with the terms of this tariff and the policies and regulations of all state, federal and local authorities having jurisdiction over the service.

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2.5 Cancellation or Interruption of Services

- 2.5.1 Without incurring liability, upon five (5) working days' (defined as any day on which the company's business office is open and the U.S. Mail is delivered) written notice to the Customer, BCC may immediately discontinue services to a Customer or may withhold the provision of ordered or contracted services:
- 2.5.1.A For nonpayment of any sum due BCC for more than thirty (30) days after issuance of the bill for the amount due,
- 2.5.1.B For violation of any of the provisions of this tariff,
- 2.5.1.C For violation of any law, rule, regulation, policy of any governing authority having jurisdiction over BCC's services, or
- 2.5.1.D By reason of any order or decision of a court, public service commission or federal regulatory body or other governing authority prohibiting BCC from furnishing its services.
- 2.5.2 Without incurring liability, BCC may interrupt the provision of services at any time in order to perform tests and inspections to assure compliance with tariff regulations and the proper installation and operation of Customer and BCC's equipment and facilities and may continue such interruption until any items of noncompliance or improper equipment operation so identified are rectified.

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- 2.5.3 Service may be discontinued by BCC without notice to the Customer, by blocking traffic to certain counties, cities or NXX exchanges, or by blocking calls using certain Customer authorization codes, when BCC deems it necessary to take such action to prevent unlawful use of its service. BCC will restore service as soon as it can be provided without undue risk, and will, upon request by the Customer affected, assign a new authorization code to replace the one that has been deactivated.
- 2.5.4 The Customer may terminate service upon verbal or written notice for the Company's standard month to month contract. Customer will be liable for all usage on any of the Company's service offerings until the Customer actually leaves the service. Customers will continue to have Company usage and be responsible for payment until the Customer or its agent notifies its local exchange carrier and changes its long distance carrier.

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2.6 Credit Allowance - Interruption of Service

- 2.6.1 Credit may be given for disputed calls, on a per call basis.
- 2.6.2 Credit shall not be issued for unavailability of long distance services.
- 2.6.3 The Customer shall be credited for an interruption of two hours or more at the rate of 1/720th of any monthly service charges for each hour or major fraction thereof that the interruption continues.

Credit Formula:

$$\text{Credit} = \frac{A}{720} \times B$$

"A" - outage time in hours

"B" - monthly charge for affected activity

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2.7 Deposit

The Company does not require deposits.

2.8 Advance Payments

The Company requires advance payments for recurring and non-recurring charges. This will be applied against the next month's charges, and if necessary, a new advance payment will be collected for the next month.

2.9 Payment and Billing

2.9.1 Service is provided and billed on a billing cycle basis, beginning on the date that service becomes effective. Billing is payable upon receipt.

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2.9.2 The customer is responsible for payment of all charges for services furnished to the Customer, as well as to all persons using the Customer's codes, exchange lines, facilities, or equipment, with or without the knowledge or consent of the Customer. The security of the Customer's Authorization Codes, subscribed exchange lines, and direct connect facilities is the responsibility of the Customer. All calls placed using direct connect facilities, subscribed exchange lines, or Authorization Codes will be billed to and must be paid by the Customer. Recurring charges and non-recurring charges are billed in advance. Charges based on actual usage during a month and any accrued interest will be billed monthly in arrears.

2.10 Collection Costs

In the event Company is required to initiate legal proceedings to collect any amounts due to Company for regulated services, or for the enforcement of any other provision of this tariff or applicable law, Customer shall, in addition to all amounts due, be liable to Company for all reasonable costs incurred by Company in such proceedings and enforcement actions, including reasonable attorneys' fees, collection agency fees or payments, and court costs. In any such proceeding, the amount of collection costs, including attorneys' fees, due to the Company, will be determined by the court.

2.11 Taxes

All federal, state and local taxes, assessments, surcharges, or fees, including sales taxes, use taxes, gross receipts taxes, and municipal utilities taxes, are billed as separate line items and are not included in the rates quoted herein, except for prepaid calling cards.

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2.12 Late Charge

A late fee will be charged on any past due balances as set forth in Section 4.10 of this tariff.

2.13 Returned Check Charge

A fee, as set forth in Section 4.6 of this tariff, will be charged whenever a check or draft presented for payment for service is not accepted by the institution on which it is written.

2.14 Location of Service

The Company will provide service to Customers within the State of Florida.

2.15 Sale of Telecommunications Services to Uncertified IXCs Prohibited

Customers reselling or rebilling the Company's telecommunications services must have a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity as an interexchange carrier from the Commission.

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SECTION 3 - DESCRIPTION OF SERVICE

3.1 Computation of Charges

3.1.1 The total charge for each completed call may be a variable measured charge dependent on the duration, distance and time of day of the call. The total charge for each completed call may also be dependent only on the duration of the call, i.e. a statewide flat rate per minute charge. The variable measured charge is specified as a rate per minute which is applied to each minute. All calls are measured in increments as set forth in the Rates Section of this tariff. All calls are rounded up to the next whole increment.

3.1.2 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:

$$\sqrt{\frac{(V1-V2)^2 + (H1-H2)^2}{10}}$$

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3.1.3 Timing begins when the called party answers and two way communication is possible, as determined by standard industry methods generally in use for ascertaining answer, including hardware answer supervision in which the local telephone company sends a signal to the switch or the software utilizing audio tone detection. Timing for each call ends when either party hangs up.

3.1.4 BCC will not bill for uncompleted calls.

3.2 Customer Complaints and/or Billing Disputes

Customer inquiries or complaints regarding service or accounting may be made in writing or by telephone to the Company at:

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Any objection to billed charges should be reported promptly to BCC or its billing agent. 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. A Customer who is unable to resolve a billing dispute with the Company may contact the Commission by telephone at 1-800-tervene in the billing dispute.

3.3 Level of Service

A Customer can expect end to end network availability of not less than 99% at all times for all services.

3.4 Billing Entity Conditions

When billing functions on behalf of BCC or its intermediary are performed by local exchange telephone companies or others, the payment of charge conditions and regulations of such companies and any regulations imposed upon these companies by regulatory bodies having jurisdiction apply. BCC's name and toll-free telephone number will appear on the Customer's bill.

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3.5 Service Offerings**3.5.1 1+ Dialing**

This service permits Customers to originate call via switched or dedicated access lines, and to terminate intrastate calls. The customer dials "1+" followed by "ten digits" or dials "101XXXX" followed by "1+ ten digits".

3.5.2 Travel Cards

The Customer utilizes an 11 digit "toll-free" access number established by the Company to access a terminal. Upon receiving a voice prompt, the Customer uses push button dialing to enter an identification code assigned by the Company, and the ten digit number of the called party.

3.5.3 800 Service (Toll-Free)

This service is inbound calling only where an 800, 888 or other toll-free prefix number rings into a Customer's premise routed to a specific telephone number or terminated over a dedicated facility.

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3.5.4 BCC Prepaid Calling Cards

This service permits use of Prepaid Calling Cards for placing long distance calls. Customers may purchase BCC Prepaid Calling Cards at a variety of retail outlets or through other distribution channels. BCC Prepaid Calling Cards are available at a variety of face values ranging from five dollars (\$5.00), in one dollar (\$1.00) increments. BCC Prepaid Calling Card service is accessed using the BCC toll-free number printed on the card. The caller is prompted by an automated voice response system to enter his/her Authorization Code, and then to enter the terminating telephone number. BCC's processor tracks the call duration on a real time basis to determine the number of Telecom Units consumed. The total consumed Telecom Units for each call is deducted from the remaining Telecom Unit balance on the Customer's BCC Prepaid Calling Card.

All calls must be charged against Prepaid Calling Card that has a sufficient Telecom Unit balance. A Customer's call will be interrupted with an announcement when the balance is about to be depleted.

In order to continue the call, the Customer can either call the toll-free number on the back of the BCC Prepaid Calling Card and "recharge" the balance on the card using a nationally recognized credit card, or the Customer can throw the card away and purchase a new one. Calls in progress will be terminated by the Company if the balance on the BCC Prepaid Calling Card is insufficient to continue the call and the Customer fails to enter the number of another valid BCC Prepaid Calling Card prior to termination.

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A card will expire on the date indicated on the card, or if no date is specified, 12 months from the date of first usage, or the date of last recharge, whichever is later. The Company will not refund unused balances.

A credit allowance for BCC Prepaid Calling Card Service is applicable to calls that are interrupted due to poor transmission, one-way transmission, or involuntary disconnection of a call. To receive the proper credit, the Customer must notify the Company at the designated toll-free customer service number printed on the BCC Prepaid Calling Card and furnish the called number, the trouble experienced (e.g. cut-off, noisy circuit, etc.), and the approximate time that the call was placed.

When a call charged to an BCC Prepaid Calling Card is interrupted due to cut-off, one-way transmission, or poor transmission conditions, the Customer will receive a credit equivalent of one Telecom Unit.

Credit allowances for calls pursuant to BCC Prepaid Card Service do not apply for interruptions not reported promptly to the Company or interruptions that are due to the failure of power, equipment or systems not provided by the Company.

Credit for failure of service shall be allowed only when such failure is caused by or occurs due to causes within the control of the Company.

The Company will block all calls beginning with the NPA "900" and NXX "976" calls, therefore such calls can not be completed.

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3.5.5 Directory Assistance.

Access to long distance directory assistance is obtained by dialing 1 + (area code) + 555-1212. When more than one number is requested in a single call, a charge will be applicable for each number requested, whether or not the number is listed or published.

3.5.6 Emergency Call Handling Procedures

Emergency "911" calls are not routed to company, but are completed through the local network at no charge.

3.5.7 Promotional Offerings

The Company may offer approved special promotions of new or existing services or products for limited time periods as approved by the Commission. These promotions will include specific tariffed starting and ending dates. All such promotions will be offered on a completely non-discriminatory basis. All such tariffed promotions must be approved by the Commission and must state exactly what charges are being reduced or waived, who is eligible, and what Customers have to do to be eligible.

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SECTION 4 - RATES

4.1 1+ Dialing

\$0.199 per minute

A \$4.95 per month service charge applies.
Billed in one minute increments.

4.2 Travel Cards

\$.149 per minute

A \$.25 per call service charge applies.
Billed in one minute increments.

4.3 Toll Free

\$0.099 per minute

A \$10 per month per number service charge applies.
Billed in one minute increments.

4.4 Prepaid Calling Cards

\$.04 Per Telecom Unit

A \$.70 per call service charge applies.

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4.5 Directory Assistance

\$.95 per each number requested

4.6 Returned Check Charge

\$20.00

4.7 Rate Periods

	Monday - Friday	Sat.	Sun.
8 a.m. to 5 p.m.*	Daytime Rate Period		
5 p.m. to 11 p.m.*	Evening Rate Period		Evening Rate Period
11 p.m. to 8 a.m.*	Night/Weekend Rate Period		

* To, but not including
When a message spans more than one rate period, total charges for the minutes in each rate period are calculated and the results for each rate period are totaled to obtain the total message charge. If the calculation results in a fractional charge, the amount will be rounded down to the lower cent.

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4.8 Rates Applicable for Hearing/Speech Impaired Persons

For intrastate toll messages which are communicated using a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) by properly certified business establishments or individuals equipped with TDDs for communications with hearing or speech impaired persons, the rates shall be evening rates for daytime calls and night rates for evening and night calls.

Intrastate toll calls received from the relay service, each local exchange and interexchange telecommunications company billing relay call will be discounted by 50 percent of the 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 will be discounted 60 percent off the applicable rate for voice nonrelay calls.

Florida Public Service Commission Rules and Regulations require the Company to provide the first 50 directory assistance calls initiated per billing cycle by handicapped persons free of charge.

4.9 Employee Concessions

The Company does not offer employee concessions.

4.10 Late Charge

1.5% monthly or the amount otherwise authorized by law, whichever is lower.

4.11 Payphone Dial Around Surcharge

A dial around surcharge of \$.35 per call will be added to any completed INTRASTATE toll access code and subscriber 800/888 type calls placed from a public or semi-public payphone.

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FINANCIAL INFORMATION

BLACKSTONE COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY
STATEMENT OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES, AND STOCKHOLDER'S EQUITY
INCOME TAX BASIS
MARCH 24, 1999

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS

Cash	\$ 1,164
Prepaid Expenses	300,000

TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 301,164
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LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDER'S EQUITY

TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 0

STOCKHOLDER'S EQUITY

Common Stock	100
Additional Paid In Capital	300,000
Retained Earnings	1,076
Current Year Income (Loss)	(12)

Total Stockholder's Equity	301,164

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDER'S EQUITY	\$ 301,164
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BLACKSTONE COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY
STATEMENTS OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES
INCOME TAX BASIS
FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 1999 THROUGH MARCH 24, 1999

GROSS REVENUE	\$	0
COST OF GOODS SOLD		0
GROSS PROFIT		0
OPERATING EXPENSES		
Bank Charges		12
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES		12
NET INCOME (LOSS) - INCOME TAX BASIS	\$	(12)

MANAGEMENT INFORMATION

LUIS ARIAS, PRESIDENT OF BLACKSTONE COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY

Mr. Arias, is the founder and President of Blackstone Communications Company. Mr. Arias has been involved in the telecommunications business since 1995. He is also the founder of Blackstone Calling Card, Inc. which has grown into one of the largest distributors of prepaid telephone cards in the United States. Prior to entering the telecommunications business, Mr. Arias was a successful developer and operator of Gasoline/Convenience stores for both Shell Oil Company and Amoco Oil Company.

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VIA OVERNIGHT DELIVERY

Florida Public Service Commission
Division of Administration
2540 Shumard Oak Blvd.
Gunter Bldg.
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850

Re: Blackstone Communications Company

Dear Sir/Madam:

Enclosed please find one original and six (6) copies of Blackstone Communications Company's Application for Authority to Provide Interexchange Telecommunications Service Within the State of Florida, along with an original and six (6) copies of Blackstone Communications Company's proposed tariff.

Blackstone Communications Company has sufficient financial capability to provide the requested service in the State of Florida and has sufficient financial capability to maintain the requested service and to meet its lease or ownership obligations. In support of Blackstone Communications Company's stated financial capability, a copy of its financial statements for the period from January 1, 1999 through March 24, 1999 is attached to its application. Blackstone Communications Company intends to fund the provision of service through internally generated cash flow. Blackstone Communications Company also has the ability to borrow funds, if required, based upon its financial capabilities.

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