RHYTHMS

Brian P. Farley Vice President and Deputy General Counsel

January 24, 2002

Sent via Federal Express

Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

RE: Rhythms Links, Inc.

To Whom It May Concern:

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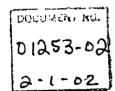
Rhythms Links, Inc. ("Rhythms") hereby formally requests cancellation of its Certificates of Authority ("Certificates") by the Florida Public Service Commission ("Commission").

Rhythms was granted a Certificate to provide alternative local exchange services (Cert. No. 5707) and interexchange telecommunications service (Cert. No. 5748) in Florida in Docket Nos. T-98-1243, and 980905-TX. The orders were issued in 1998. Rhythms subsequently provided Digital Subscriber Line ("DSL") services in Florida.

Due to financial difficulties, Rhythms and its parent company, Rhythms NetConnections, Inc., voluntarily filed for reorganization under Chapter 11 of the United States Bankruptcy Code in the Southern District of New York on August 1, 2001. As no additional financing was obtained to maintain operations by the August 10th deadline stipulated in the Bankruptcy filing and a restructuring of the company was not deemed possible, discontinuance of service and cancellation of Rhythms' certificates is necessary. On August 10, 2001, all of Rhythms' customers received written notification of the company's intent to discontinue services. On September 24, 2001, the Federal Communications Commission granted Rhythms permission to discontinue providing domestic telecommunications services throughout the United States.²

A copy of the notice provided to Rhythms' customers is attached with a proof of notice (in the form of an affidavit).

² In the Matter of Rhythms Links Inc. Section 63.71 Application to Discontinue Domestic Telecommunications Service, NSD File No. WELDED NO. WELDED WEST September 24, 2001.



In re Rhythms NetConnections Inc. et al., Nos. 01-14283 (BRL) through 01-14287 (BRL) filed on August 1, 2001

As Rhythms no longer remains a "going concern" in Florida, and currently has no customers in the state, it holds no deposits and has ceased billing customers. A check for \$100.00 for the outstanding regulatory assessment fees owed by Rhythms for the year 2001 is enclosed. The company respectfully requests that the Commission cancel its Certificates.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please give me a call at (303) 876-5288.

Sincerely

BBIÁN P. FARLE

Attachments

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FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

AFFIDAVIT OF BRIAN P. FARLEY

| STATE OF COLORADO |) | |
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| |) | SS. |
| COUNTY OF ARAPAHOE |) | |

Brian P. Farley, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

- 1. My name is Brian P. Farley. I am the President and Chief Executive Officer of Rhythms Links, Inc. ("Rhythms"), and its parent company, Rhythms NetConnections Inc. My office is located at 9100 East Mineral Circle, Englewood, Colorado, 80112. My direct phone number is 303-876-5288.
- 2. Attached hereto as Exhibit A is a copy of the form of letter Rhythms sent to every Rhythms customer in the state of Florida, via overnight delivery, on August 9, 2001.
- 3. Rhythms had no customers in Florida after December 3, 2001.

The aforementioned is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and

belief.

Brian P. Farley
President and CEO

Rhythms Links, Inc.

Dated: January 24, 2002

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Sworn to and subscribed before me, a notary public for the State of Colorado, County of Arapahoe, this 4 day of January, 2002.

Notary Public, State of Colorado

No. _______Qualified in Arapahyc County Commission Expires _7/17/04

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EXHIBIT A

(see attached)

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RHYTHMS" VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS

August 9, 2001

Rhythms Links' Customers

Re: <u>Discontinuance of Service and Letter of Authorization ("LOA")</u>

To Whom It May Concern:

As you are likely aware, on August 1, 2001, Rhythms voluntarily filed for reorganization under Chapter 11 of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code in the Southern District of New York. For many months Rhythms has been exploring ways to restructure the company in order to continue to provide you with DSL solutions. It has unfortunately become clear that such a restructuring is not possible at this time. Accordingly, and in order to satisfy the Company's federal bankruptcy and corporate law obligations, we must discontinue service to our customers.

Please treat this letter as your company's formal notice that Rhythms plans to cease to provide all service nationwide as of September 10, 2001.

In order for you to find alternative broadband solutions, this letter grants full and complete authority and authorization for: (a) you or your designee to arrange for each and every unbundled loop identified on Attachment A ("Identified Loops") to be transferred to the broadband service provider of your choice ("Alternative Service Provider"), and (b) the Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier ("ILEC") from whom Rhythms is currently leasing the Identified Loops to cooperate, initiate, and expeditiously complete the migration of such loops to the Alternative Service Provider's network.

The Identified Loops are described by ILEC circuit ID, and include CFA and cable and pair assignments. If the Alternative Service Provider requires any additional information from the ILEC regarding the Identified Loops, this letter hereby grants the ILEC the right to provide the Alternative Service Provider all such information.

The FCC will normally authorize this proposed discontinuance of service unless it is shown that customers would be unable to receive service, find a reasonable substitute from another carrier, or that the public convenience and necessity is otherwise adversely affected. If you wish to object, you should file your comments within 15 days after receipt of this notification. Address them to the Federal Communications Commission, Washington, DC 20554, referencing the Sec. 63.71 application of Rhythms Links Inc. Comments should include specific information about the impact of this proposed discontinuance upon you or your company, including any inability to acquire reasonable substitute service. We regret having to take these steps.

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(Preparer of Form - Please Print Name)

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