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July 3, 2002

Via Express Delivery

Florida Public Service Commission Division of Records and Reporting 2540 Shumard Oak Blvd. Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

RE: Horizon Telecom, Inc.

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed please find an original and six (6) copies of Application Form for authority to provide interexchange telecommunications service within the State of Florida, submitted on behalf of Horizon Telecom, Inc. Also enclosed is the requisite \$250.00 filing fee.

Please acknowledge receipt of this filing by returning a date stamped copy of this letter in the selfaddressed envelope provided.

Thank you for your assistance. Please call with any questions.

Sincerely Monica Borne Haab

Enclosure

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#### \*\* FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION \*\*

## DIVISION OF REGULATORY OVERSIGHT CERTIFICATION SECTION

Application Form for Authority to Provide Interexchange Telecommunications Service Between Points Within the State of Florida

## Instructions

- This form is used as an application for an original certificate and for approval of assignment or transfer of an existing certificate. In the case of an assignment or transfer, the information provided shall be for the assignee or transferee (See Page 16).
- <u>Print or Type</u> all responses to each item requested in the application and appendices. If an item is not applicable, please explain why.
- Use a separate sheet for each answer which will not fit the allotted space.
- Once completed, submit the original and six (6) copies of this form along with a non-refundable application fee of <u>\$250.00</u> to:

Florida Public Service Commission Division of Records and Reporting 2540 Shumard Oak Blvd. Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850 (850) 413-6770

Note: No filing fee is required for an assignment or transfer of an existing certificate to another company.

• If you have questions about completing the form, contact:

Florida Public Service Commission Division of Regulatory Oversight Certification Section 2540 Shumard Oak Blvd. Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850 (850) 413-6480

FORM PSC/CMU 31 (12/96) Required by Commission Rule Nos. 25.24-470, 25-24.471, and 25-24.473, 25-24.480(2).

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- 1. This is an application for  $\sqrt{}$  (check one):
  - (X) **Original certificate** (new company).
  - () Approval of transfer of existing certificate: <u>Example</u>, a non-certificated company purchases an existing company and desires to retain the original certificate of authority.
  - () Approval of assignment of existing certificate: Example, a certificated company purchases an existing company and desires to retain the certificate of authority of that company.
  - () Approval of transfer of control: <u>Example</u>, a company purchases 51% of a certificated company. The Commission must approve the new controlling entity.
- 2. Name of company:

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Horizon Telecom, Inc.

- 3. Name under which applicant will do business (fictitious name, etc.):
- 4. Official mailing address (including street name & number, post office box, city, state, zip code):

Horizon Telecom, Inc.

2323 S. Washington Ave., Suite 210

Titusville, Florida 32780

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

Same as 4. above.

Select type of business your company will be conducting  $\sqrt{(\text{check all that apply})}$ :

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

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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 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 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.
- 7. Structure of organization;

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(	) Individual	(	) Corporation
( x	) Foreign Corporation	(	) Foreign Partnership
(	) General Partnership	(	) Limited Partnership
(	) Other		

8. If individual, provide:

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Teleph	ione No.: Fax No.:	
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Interne	et Website Address:	
<u>If inco</u>	<b>rporated in Florida</b> , provide proof of authority to operate in Florida:	
(a)	The Florida Secretary of State Corporate Registration number:	
<u>If forei</u> (a)	ign corporation, provide proof of authority to operate in Florida: Certificate of Authority attached as Exhibit A. The Florida Secretary of State Corporate Registration number: F02000003074 (Nevada Corporation)	
	g fictitious name-d/b/a, provide proof of compliance with fictitious name statu er 865.09, FS) to operate in Florida:	
(a)	The Florida Secretary of State fictitious name registration number:	
	The Florida Secretary of State fictitious name registration number: <u>nited liability partnership</u> , provide proof of registration to operate in Florid The Florida Secretary of State registration number:	

13. <u>If a partnership</u>, provide name, title and address of all partners and a copy of the partnership agreement.

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(c) How is this information provided?

Bills will be mailed in paper form with information provided.

17. Who will receive the bills for your service?

(X) Residential Customers	(X) Business Customers
( ) PATs providers	() PATs station end-users
( ) Hotels & motels ( ) Hotel & motel gu	iests
( ) Universities	() Universities dormitory residents
( ) Other: (specify)	<u></u>

18. Who will serve as liaison to the Commission with regard to the following?

(a) <u>The application</u>:

Name: Monica Borne Haab

Title: Attorney - Nowalsky, Bronston & Gothard

Address: 3500 N. Causeway Blvd., Suite 1442 City/State/Zip: Metairie, Louisiana 70002

(b) <u>Official point of contact for the ongoing operations of the company:</u>

Name: Deborah Secrest

Title: President

Address: 2323 S. Washington Ave., Suite 210 City/State/Zip: Titusville, Florida 32780

(c) <u>Complaints/Inquiries from customers:</u>

Name: Deborah Secrest

Title: President

Telephone No.:(321) 268-3497	Fax No.: (321) 268-8667
Internet E-Mail Address:	
Internet Website Address:	

## 19. List the states in which the applicant:

(a) has operated as an interexchange telecommunications company.

Colorado, Iowa, Idaho, Michigan, Montana, North Carolina, North Dakota, New Jersey, Nevada, Oregon, Rhode Island, Texas, Utah, Virginia. Washington and Wisconsin

(b) has applications pending to be certificated as an interexchange telecommunications company.

None

(c)	is certificated to operate as an interexchange telecommunications company	1.
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Sar	ne as in Section 19.a	
(d)	has been denied authority to operate as an interexchange tel company and the circumstances involved.	lecommunications
None		
(e)	has had regulatory penalties imposed for violations of telec statutes and the circumstances involved.	ommunications
None.		
(f)	has been involved in civil court proceedings with an interest exchange company or other telecommunications entity, and involved.	<u> </u>
None		

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20. Indicate if any of the officers, directors, or any of the ten largest stockholders have previously been:

(a) adjudged bankrupt, mentally incompetent, or found guilty of any felony or of any crime, or whether such actions may result from pending proceedings. If so, <u>please</u> explain.

(b) an 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.

None.

21. The applicant will provide the following interexchange carrier services  $\sqrt{}$  (check all that apply):

a.\_\_\_\_\_ 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

b.\_\_\_\_\_ 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

c. <u>X</u> MTS with statewide flat rates per minute (i.e. not distance sensitive)

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None.

Method of access is FGA
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Method of access is FGD
Method of access is 800
d MTS for pay telephone service providers
e Block-of-time calling plan (Reach Out
Florida, Ring America, etc.).
f. <u>X</u> 800 service (toll free)
g WATS type service (bulk or volume discount)
Method of access is via dedicated facilities
Method of access is via switched facilities
h Private line services (Channel Services)
(For ex. 1.544 mbs., DS-3, etc.)
IX Travel service
Method of access is 950
X Method of access is 800
j 900 service
k 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

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1. Services included are:

Station assistance Person-to-person assistance Directory assistance Operator verify and interrupt Conference calling

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

Tariff attached as Exhibit B.

23. Submit the following:

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**A. Managerial capability;** give resumes of employees/officers of the company that would indicate sufficient managerial experiences of each.

Attached as Exhibit C.

**B.** Technical capability; give resumes of employees/officers of the company that would indicate sufficient technical experiences or indicate what company has been contracted to conduct technical maintenance. Attached as part of Exhibit C.

Financial capability.

The application <u>should contain</u> the applicant's audited financial statements for the most recent 3 years. If the applicant does not have audited financial statements, it shall

so be stated. Unudited financial statements attached as Exhibit D. The Company does not have audited statements available.

The unaudited financial statements should be signed by the applicant's chief executive officer and chief financial officer <u>affirming that the financial statements are true and correct</u> and should include:

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

**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.

Further, the following (which includes supporting documentation) should be provided:

All statements contained in Exhibit E.

1. <u>A written explanation</u> that the applicant has sufficient financial capability to provide the requested service in the geographic area proposed to be served.

2. <u>A written explanation</u> that the applicant has sufficient financial capability to maintain the requested service.

3. <u>A written explanation</u> that the applicant has sufficient financial capability to meet its lease or ownership obligations.

## THIS PAGE MUST BE COMPLETED AND SIGNED

## APPLICANT ACKNOWLEDGMENT STATEMENT

- 1. **REGULATORY ASSESSMENT FEE:** I understand that all telephone companies must pay a regulatory assessment fee in the amount of <u>.15 of one percent</u> 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:** I understand that a non-refundable application fee of \$250.00 must be submitted with the application.

Deborah Secrest Print Name President Title (321) 268-3497		D. K. A. Jan	
		Signature	
		7/1/02 Date	
		(321) 268-8667	
Telephone No.	Fax No.		
Address:	2323 S. Washington Ave., Sui	te 210	
	Titusville, FL 32780		

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## **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 provided in one of the following ways (applicant, please  $\sqrt{}$  check one):

- (x) The applicant will **not** collect deposits nor will it collect payments for service more than one month in advance.
- The applicant intends to collect deposits and/or advance payments for more than one month's service and will file and maintain a surety bond with the Commission in an amount equal to the current balance of deposits and advance payments in excess of one month.

(The bond must accompany the application.)

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## UTILITY OFFICIAL:

Deboran Secrest		Diberah Secrest
Print Name		Signature
President		7/1/02
Title		Date
(321) 268-3497		(321) 268-8667
Telephone No.		Fax No.
Address:	2323 S. Washington Ave	Suite 210
-	Titusville, FL 32780	
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FORM PSC/CMU 31 (12/96) Required by Commission Rule Nos. 25.24-470, 25-24.471, and 25-24.473, 25-24.480(2).

#### THIS PAGE MUST BE COMPLETED AND SIGNED

## **AFFIDAVIT**

By my signature below, I, the undersigned officer, attest to the accuracy of the information contained in this application and attached documents and that the applicant has the technical expertise, managerial ability, and financial capability to provide interexchange telecommunications service in the State of Florida. I have read the foregoing and declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the information is true and correct. I attest that I have the authority to sign on behalf of my company and agree to comply, now and in the future, with all applicable Commission rules and orders.

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:**

Deborah Secrest	
Print Name	
President	
Title	

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(321) 268-3497 Telephone No. (321) 268-8667 Fax No.

Address:

2323 S. Washington Ave., Suite 210

Titusville, FL 32780

## CURRENT FLORIDA INTRASTATE SERVICES

Applicant has ( ) or has not (  $\chi$  ) previously provided intrastate telecommunications in Florida.

If the answer is has, fully describe the following:

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

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b)	If the services are not currently of	ffered, when were they discontinued?
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Print Name	51	Signature
President Title		7/1/02 Date
(321) 268-3497		(321) 268-8667
Telephone No.		Fax No.
Address:	2323 S. Washington Ave., Suite 2	10
	Titusville, FL 32780	

CERTIFICATE TRANSFER, OR ASSIGNMENT STATEMENT

FORM PSC/CMU 31 (12/96) Required by Commission Rule Nos. 25.24-470, 25-24.471, and 25-24.473, 25-24.480(2).

I, (Name)	
(Title)	of
· · · · · · ·	(Name of Company)

and current holder of Florida Public Service Commission Certificate Number

#\_\_\_\_\_, have reviewed this application and join in the petitioner's request for a:

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of the above-mentioned certificate.

## **UTILITY OFFICIAL:**

Print Name	Signature	
Title	Date	_
Telephone No.	Fax No.	
Address:		

# **EXHIBIT A**

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CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY

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### FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE Katherine Harris Secretary of State

June 18, 2002

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SHEREE G. WEST NOWALSKY, BRONSTON & GOTHARD 3500 NORTH CAUSEWAY BLVD., SUITE 1442 METAIRIE, LA 70002

Qualification documents for HORIZON TELECOM, INC. were filed on June 17, 2002 and assigned document number F02000003074. Please refer to this number whenever corresponding with this office.

Your corporation is now qualified and authorized to transact business in Florida as of the file date.

A corporation annual report/uniform business report will be due this office between January 1 and May 1 of the year following the calendar year of the file date. A Federal Employer Identification (FEI) number will be required before this report can be filed. If you do not already have an FEI number, please apply NOW with the Internal Revenue by calling 1-800-829-3676 and requesting form SS-4.

Please be aware if the corporate address changes, it is the responsibility of the corporation to notify this office.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please telephone (850) 245-6051, the Foreign Qualification/Tax Lien Section.

Buck Kohr Corporate Specialist Division of Corporations

Letter Number: 102A00039521

# NOWALSKY, BRONSTON & GOTHARD

Leon L. Nowalskv Benjamin W. Bronston Edward P. Gothard A Professional Limited Liability Company Attorneys at Law 3500 North Causeway Boulevard Suite 1442 Metairie, Louisiana 70002 Telephone: (504) 832-1984 Facsimile: (504) 831-0892

June 13, 2002

Monica Borne Haab EllenAnn G. Sands Bruce C. Betzer



Ms. Katherine Harris Florida Secretary of State Registration Section Division of Corporations 409 E. Gaines Street Tallahassee, FL 32399

## RE: Horizon Telecom, Inc.

Dear Ms. Harris:

Enclosed for filing please find an original and one (1) copy of the Transmittal Letter. Application by Foreign Corporation for Authorization to Transact Business in Florida and Certificate of Existence with Status in Good Standing for Horizon Telecom. Inc. The requisite \$70.00 filing fee is also enclosed.

Please return a filed copy of the documents in the self-addressed stamped envelope provided.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter. If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me.

Sincerely.

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Enclosure

## TRANSMITTAL LETTER

TO: **Registration Section** Division of Corporations

SUBJECT: Horizon Telecom, Inc.

(Name of corporation - must include suffix)

Dear Sir or Madam:

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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:

Sheree G. West	
	(Name of Person)
Nowalsky, Bronston & Gothard, APLLC	
	(Firm/Company)
3500 North Causeway Blvd., Suite 1442	
	(Address)
Metairie, Louisiana 70002	
	(City/State and Zip code)
For further information concerning this m	natter, please call
Sheree G West	at ( <u>504</u> ) 832-1984
(Name of Person)	(Area Code & Daytime Telephone Number)

STREET ADDRESS: Registration Section Division of Corporations 409 E. Gaines St. Tallahassee, FL 32399

## MAILING ADDRESS:

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

Enclosed is a check for the following amount:

🗇 S70 00 Filing Fee	🗇 S78 75 Filing Fee &	🗇 S78 75 Filing Fee &	🗇 S87 50 Filing Fee,
	Certificate of Status	Certified Copy	Certificate of Status &
			Certified Copy

SP STATISTICS

## 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.

Horizon Telecom, Inc.	
(Name of corporation, must include the word "INCORPC words or abbreviations of like import in language as will natural person or partnership if not so contained in the na	l clearly indicate that it is a corporation instead of a 👘 👘 🦾
Nevada	3. 88-0478450
(State or country under the law of which it is incorporated	d) (FEI number, if applicable)
1 9/14/00	5 Perpetual
(Date of incorporation)	(Duration Year corp will cease to exist or "perpetual")
j Upon Qualification	
	has not transacted business in Florida, insert "upon qualification") 07 1501, 607 1502 and 817 155, F.S.)
2323 S. Washington Avenue, Suite 210, Titusville,	FL 32780
(Principal offic	ice address)
2323 S. Washington Avenue, Suite 210, Titusville, I	FL 32780
(Current mailir	ing address)
The sale of telecommunications services and produce (Purpose(s) of corporation authorized in home state	te or country to be carried out in state of Flor dal .
Name and <u>street address</u> of Florida registered as	agent: (P.O. Box or Mail Drop Box <u>NOT</u> acceptable)
Name NRAI Services, Inc.	
Office Address 526 E. Park Avenue	
Tallahassee	. Fiorida <u>32301</u>
(City)	(Zip code) ·
designated in this application, I hereby accept the ap	pt service of process for the above stated corporation at the plac ppointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity. atutes 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.

NRAI Services, Inc

By

(Registered agent's signature)

see attached

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

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

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A. DIRI	ECTORS
Chairman	l
Address	
Vice Chai	irman
Address	
Director	Deborah A. Secrest
Address	2323 S WASHINGTON AVENUE, TITUSVILLE, FL 32780
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Director:	
lagress.	
B. OFF	ICERS
President	Deborah A Secrest
Address	2323 S WASHINGTON AVENUE. TITUSVILLE. FL 32780
Vice Pres	adent
Secretary	Michael Secrest
-	2323 S WASHINGTON AVENUE, TITUSVILLE, FL 32780
Address	
. 100/035	
NOTE:	If necessary, you may attach an addendum to the application listing additional officers and/or directors
13	Webrah A. Secrest
	(Signature of Chairman, Vice Chairman, or any officer listed in number 12 of the application)
14 Deb	oorah A. Secrest, President

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

## ACCEPTANCE OF APPOINTMENT BY REGISTERED AGENT

NRAI Services, Inc. having been named as registered agent and to accept service of process for the aforementioned corporation at the place designated in this application hereby accepts the appointment as registered agent and agrees to act in this capacity. NRAI Services, Inc. further agrees to comply with the provisions of all statutes relative to the proper and complete performance of its duties, and NRAI Services, Inc. is familiar, with and accepts the obligations of its position as registered agent.

Dated

NRAI Services, Inc

Charles & Coyle

Charles A. Coyle - Assistant Secretary



I, DEAN HELLER, the duly elected and qualified Nevada Secretary of State, do hereby certify that I am, by the laws of said State, the custodian of the records relating to filings by corporations, limited-liability companies, limited partnerships, and limited-liability partnerships pursuant to Title 7 of the Nevada Revised Statutes which are either presently in a status of good standing or were in good standing for a time period subsequent of 1976 and am the proper officer to execute this certificate.

I further certify that the records of the Nevada Secretary of State. at the date of this certificate, evidence. **HORIZON TELECOM, INC.,** as a corporation organized under the laws of Nevada and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Nevada since September 14, 2000, and is in good standing in this state.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of State, at my office. In Carson City, Nevada, on June 10, 2002.

DEAN HELLER Secretary of State

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Certification Clerk

# EXHIBIT B

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PROPOSED TARIFF

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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 interexchange telecommunications services provided by Horizon Telecom, Inc. with principal offices at 2323 S. Washington Ave., Suite 210, Titusville, Florida 32780. 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.

ISSUED: July 3, 2002

EFFECTIVE:

By.

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Florida Tariff No. 1 Original Sheet 2

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## CHECK SHEET

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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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Florida Tariff No. 1 Original Sheet 3

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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.

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

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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 - Horizon Telecom, 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 =  $A/B \ge C$ 

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

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#### 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.

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The square root of:

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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 1+ 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. Calls are billed in one minute increments.

The Company offers switched Long Distance Service to residential and business customers under the plans set forth in Section 4.1.

#### 3.4.2 Inbound 8XX Long Distance Service

Inbound 8XX Long Distance Service permits residential and business inbound 8XX calling at a single per minute rate. Service is provided from presubscribed, dedicated or shared use access lines. Calls are billed in one minute increments.

The Company offers Inbound 8XX Long Distance Service to residential and business customers under the plans set forth in Section 4.1.

#### 3.4.3 Travel Card Service

Travel Card Service is a calling card service offered to residential and business customers who subscribe to the Company's Long Distance Service calling plan. Customers using the Carrier's calling card service access the service by dialing a toll free number followed by an account identification number and the number being called. This service permits subscribers utilizing the Carrier's calling card to make calls at a single per minute rate. Calls billed in one minute increments.

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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 Long Distance Outbound Rates

Rate Plan	Rate per minute	Usage Requirement
Option 1:	\$0.0990/minute	\$ 0 - \$ 49 per month
Option 2:	\$0.0890/minute	\$ 50 - \$ 74 per month
Option 3:	\$0.0790/minute	\$ 75 - \$ 99 per month
Option 4.	\$0.0690/minute	\$100 - \$149 per month
Option 5:	\$0.0590/minute	\$150 - \$199 per month
Option 6:	\$0.0490/minute	\$200 - \$299 per month
Option 7:	\$0.0350/minute	\$300 + per month

Billed in six second increments with a one minute minimum.

#### 4.2 Long Distance Inbound Rates

Rate Plan	Rate per minute	Usage Requirement
Option 1:	\$0.0990/minute	\$ 0 - \$ 49 per month
Option 2:	\$0.0890/minute	\$ 50 - \$ 74 per month
Option 3:	\$0.0790/minute	\$ 75 - \$ 99 per month
Option 4:	\$0.0690/minute	\$100 - \$149 per month
Option 5:	\$0.0590/minute	\$150 - \$199 per month
Option 6:	\$0.0490/minute	\$200 - \$299 per month
Option 7:	\$0.0350/minute	\$300 + per month

Billed in six second increments with a one minute minimum.

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#### SECTION 4 - RATES continued

#### 4.3 Travel Card Rates

Rate per minute: \$0.50

Billed in whole minute increments.

Per call surcharge: None.

#### 4.4 **Directory Assistance**

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

#### 4.5 **Payment of Calls**

#### 4.5.1 Late Payment Charges

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

#### 4.5.2 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

#### 4.6 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.

#### 4.7 Special Rates For The Handicapped

#### 4.7.1. 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.

#### 4.7.2. 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.

#### 4.7.3. Telecommunications Relay Service

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.

#### 4.8 Pav Telephone (Pavphone) Dial-Around Surcharge

A 0 25 surcharge shall be assessed for each call made from a pay telephone to an 800 number or using a travel card and dialing the carrier prefix in the form 101XXXX. Although collected on the customer's bill, this charge is reimbursed to pay telephone service provider.

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# **EXHIBIT C**

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MANAGEMENT PROFILES

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### Deborah A. Secrest

Deborah Secrest has 12 years of experience in the telecommunications industry. Deborah first became involved in telecommunications utilizing her legal background. This was specifically in customer care applications and procedures.

Deborah was successful in developing and implementing initiatives which helped reduce the possibility of consumer complaints, and assuring the swift resolution of any complaints that may arise.

Deborah has experience with companies such as MCI and Qwest. Deborah has also gained valuable experience through her time spent in these positions with marketing and promotion, once again centered on various projects designed to administer and effectuate safe guards for consumer protection in current and expected marketing applications.

### Michael E. Secrest, Sr.

Michael's educational background in business management. Michael has gained extensive experience in business management and administration throughout his career.

Michael had successfully administered several furniture manufacturing concerns. In these positions, Michael was responsible for the day to day management of these facilities.

In 1994. Michael accepted an administration position with a telecom hardware manufacturer. As his employer shifted from a manufacturing direction to a distribution supplier, and eventually to a telecom services provider, Michael has obtained detailed knowledge in all aspects of telecom resale including operations, network provisioning and management, regulatory development, marketing aspects, customer service operations, the arrangement and ongoing interfacing with a billing and collections clearinghouse.

# **EXHIBIT D**

FINANCIAL DOCUMENTATION

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The Company's unaudited financial statements are attached.

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## Horizon Telecom, Inc. Balance Sheet

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Balances as of: 01/01/02	
Account Name	Balance
Main	53,000.00
Total Assets:	53,000.00
Equity:	53,000.00
Total Liabilities & Equity:	53.000.00

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## Horizon Telecom, Inc. Income Statement

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Income for year ending 12/31/01.

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No income was generated for the year ending 12/31/01. Horizon Telecom, Inc. is in the process of initiating operations.

#### **AFFIRMATION**

I, Deborah Secrest, President of Horizon Telecom, Inc. do hereby acknowledge that the information set forth in the attached financial statements is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Vibenah Servest, President Deborah Secrest, President Horizon Telecom

Sworn to and subscribed before me this <u>s</u> day of <u>July</u>, 2002.

Notary Public

**MONICA BORNE HAAB** Notary Public, State of Louisiana My Commission is for Life

## **EXHIBIT** E

#### CAPABILITY STATEMENTS

- 1. The Applicant has sufficient financial capability to provide the requested service in the geographic area proposed to be served. This is evidenced by the current assets set forth in its unaudited financial statements. (The Company has no audited financial statements.)
- 2. The Applicant will maintain the requested services from revenue generated from its current and ongoing operations. The Company is currently certified and operating in Colorado, Idaho, Iowa, Michigan, Montana, North Carolina, North Dakota, New Jersey, Nevada, Oregon, Rhode Island, Texas, Utah, Virginia, Washington, and Wisconsin.
- 3. The Company has sufficient financial capability to meet any lease and ownership obligations.