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April 11, 1997

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Ms. Blanca Bayo Director of Administration Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850

RE: Hello Card, Inc.

Dear Ms. Bayo:

Enclosed for filing are the original and six (6) copies of Hello Card, Inc.'s Application For Authority to Provide Interexchange Telecommunications Service Within the state of Florida, along with the \$250 filing fee.

Staff gave Hello Card, Inc. a deadline of today to file the application. Although the Company's president, Mr. Roger Zepka, is out of the country and is not available to sign the application, I have been directed to file it as completely as possible to comply in good faith with staff's request. Accordingly, I will submit the necessary documentation as soon as possible to complete the application.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Wiggins

Enclosures

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** FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION *

DIVISION OF COMMUNICATIONS BUREAU OF SERVICE EVALUATION

APPLICATION FORM

for

AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE INTEREXCHANGE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE WITHIN THE STATE OF FLORIDA

Instructions

- A. This form is used for an original application for a certificate and for approval of sale, assignment or transfer of an existing certificate. In case of a sale, assignment or cransfer, 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:

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

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

> Florida Public Service Commission Division of Administration 2540 Shumard Oak Blvd. Gunter Building Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850 (904) 413-6251

FORM PSC/CMU 31 (11/95) Required by Commission Rule Nos. 25-24.471, 25-24.473, and 25-24.480(2).

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- This is an application for (check one):
 - (x) Original Authority (New company).
 - Approval of Transfer (To another certificated company).
 - Approval of Assignment of existing certificate (To a uncertificated company).
 - Approval for transfer of control (To another certificated company).
- 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.
 - (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 the resold service by enrolling unaffiliated customers.



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

Hello Card Inc.

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

Hello Card Inc.

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

> Hello Card Inc. 2 Bennett New York, New York 10033

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

Not applicable.

- Structure of organization; 7.

- () Individual
 () Corporation
 (x) Foreign Corporation
 () Foreign Partnership
 () Limited Partnership

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

Not applicable.

- Provide proof of compliance with the foreign (a) limited partnership statute (Chapter 620.169 FS), if applicable.
- Indicate if the individual or any of the partners (b) have previously been:

adjudged bankrupt, mentally incompetent, or (1) 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.

- If incorporated, please give:
 - (a) Proof from the Florida Secretary of State that the applicant has authority to operate in Florida.

Corporate charter number: F96000004817

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

Donald J. Thomas 4730 NW Boca Raton Blvd. Boca Raton, FL 33431

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

Fictitious name registration number:

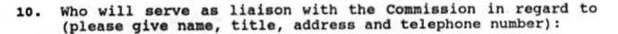
Not applicable.

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



(a) The application;

Patrick K. Wiggins Wiggins & Villacorta, P.A. 501 East Tennessee Street Suite B Post Office Drawer 1657 Tallahassee, Florida 32302 (904) 222-1534 (phone) (904) 222-1689 (fax)

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

> Patrick K. Wiggins Wiggins & Villacorta, P.A. 501 East Tennessee Street Suite B Post Office Drawer 1657 Tallahassee, Florida 32302 (904) 222-1534 (phone) (904) 222-1689 (fax)

(c) Tariff;

Patrick K. Wiggins Wiggins & Villacorta, P.A. 501 East Tennessee Street Suite B Post Office Drawer 1657 Tallahassee, Florida 32302 (904) 222-1534 (phone) (904) 222-1689 (fax)

(d) Complaints/Inquiries from customers;

Patrick K. Wiggins Wiggins & Villacorta, P.A. 501 East Tennessee Street Suite B Post Office Drawer 1657 Tallahassee, Florida 32302 (904) 222-1534 (phone) (904) 222-1689 (fax)



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11. List the states in which the applicant:

Has operated as an interexchange carrier. a)

> Applicant has sold debit cards in several states, principally in New York, Texas, Connecticut, California, Pennsylvania and Rhode Island.

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

None.

Is certificated to operate as an interexchange C) carrier.

New York and Pennsylvania.

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

None.

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

None.

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

None.

- What services will the applicant offer to other certificated 12. telephone companies:
 - () Operators. () Facilities. () Billing and Collection. () Sales.
 - () Maintenance.
 - () Other:

Not applicable.



13. Do you have a marketing program?

Service will be marketed through a combination of inhouse and independent representatives.

- 14. Will your marketing program:
 - (x) Pay commissions?
 - () Offer sales franchises?
 - () Offer multi-level sales incentives?
 - () Offer other sales incentives?
- Explain any of the offers checked in question 14 (To whom, what amount, type of franchise, etc.).

The company will pay commissions to in-house and independent sales representatives; amount to be based on sales.

- 16. Who will receive the bills for your service (Check all that apply)?
 - () Residential customers.
 - () Business customers.
 - () PATS providers.
 - () PATS station end-users.
 - () Hotels & motels.
 - () Hotels & motel guests.
 - () Universities.
 - () University dormitory residents.
 - (x) Other: (specify) ______transients _____.
- 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?

Hello Card Inc. English: 1-800-435-5630

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

Hello Card Inc. will bill for its services.

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

Regarding the showing of financial capability, the following applies: The application should contain the applicant's financial statements, including:

1. the balance sheet

Attached as Exhibit 1. (To be supplied)

2. income statement

Attached as Exhibit 1. (To be supplied)

 statement of retained earnings for the most recent 3 years.

The company has no retained earnings.

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 <u>affirm that the financial</u> statements are true and correct.

B. Managerial capability

Attached as Exhibit 2.

C. Technical capability.

Attached as Exhibit 2.

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

Attached as Exhibit 3. (To be supplied)

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

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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
X MTS with route specific rates per minute
Method of access is FGA
Method of access is FGE
x 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
x 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).

Customers will access the company's long distance services by dialing 1 + or 1 + 800/888.

22. __ Other:

APPLICANT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT

- REGULATORY ASSESSMENT FEE: I understand that all telephone companies must pay a regulatory assessment fee in the amount of .15 of one percent of its gross operating revenue derived from intrastate business. Regardless of the gross operating revenue of a company, a minimum annual assessment fee of \$50 is required.
- GROSS RECEIPTS TAX: I understand that all telephone companies must pay a gross receipts tax of <u>two and one-half percent</u> on all intra and interstate business.
- SALES TAX: I understand that a seven percent sales tax must be paid on intra and interstate revenues.
- APPLICATION FEE: A non-refundable application fee of \$250.00 must be submitted with the application.
- 5. RECEIPT AND UNDERSTANDING OF RULES: I acknowledge receipt and understanding of the Florida Public Service Commission's Rules and Orders relating to my provision of interexchange telephone service in Florida. I also understand that it is my responsibility to comply with all current and future Commission requirements regarding interexchange service.
- 6. ACCURACY OF APPLICATION: By my signature below, I the undersigned owner or officer of the named utility in the application, attest to the accuracy of the information contained in this application and associated attachments. I have read the foregoing and declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief, the information is a true and correct statement.

Further, I am aware that pursuant to Chapter 837.06, Florida Statutes, "Whoever knowingly makes a false statement in writing with the intent to mislead a public servant in the performance of his official duty shall be guilty of a misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 and s. 775.083".

UTILITY OFFICIAL:	Signature	Date	
	Rodger Zepka		
	Chief Operating Officer Title	Telephone	No.
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Required by Commission Rule Nos. 25-24.471, 25-24.473, and 25-24.480(2).

** APPENDIX A **

CERTIFICATE TRANSFER STATEMENT

Not applicable.

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UTILITY OFFICIAL:

Signature

Date

Title

Telephone No.



** APPENDIX B **

CUSTOMER DEPOSITS AND ADVANCE PAYMENTS

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

- (x) The applicant will not collect deposits nor will it collect payments for service more than one month in advance.
- () The applicant will file with the Commission and maintain a surety bond in an amount equal to the current balance of deposits and advance payments in excess of one month. (Bond must accompany application.)

UTILITY OFFICIAL:

Signature

Date

Rodger Zepka

Chief Operating Officer Title

Telephone No.

** APPENDIX C **

INTRASTATE NETWORK

- POP: Addresses where located, and indicate if owned or leased.
 - 1) See appendix 2)
- SWITCHES: Address where located, by type of switch, and indicate if owned or leased.

1) N/A 2)

- 3) 4)
- TRANSMISSION FACILITIES: Pop-to-Pop facilities by type of facilities (microwave, fiber, copper, satellite, etc.) and indicate if owned or leased.

POP-to-POP TYPE OWNERSHIP
1) N/A
2)

- ORIGINATING SERVICE: Please provide the list of exchanges where you are proposing to provide originating service within thirty (30) days after the effective date of the certificate (Appendix D).
- TRAFFIC RESTRICTIONS: Please explain how the applicant will comply with the EAEA requirements contained in Commission Rule 25-24.471 (4) (a) (copy enclosed).

Applicant will comply with the requirements of Commission Rule 25-24.471(4)(a) as modified by Order No. PSC-95-0203-FOF-TP.

- 6. CURRENT FLORIDA INTRASTATE SERVICES: Applicant has (x) or has not () previously provided intrastate telecommunications in Florida. If the answer is <u>has</u>, fully describe the following:
 - a) What services have been provided and when did these services begin?

Hello Card has provided debit card service via resale since the last quarter of 1995. The company's understanding and belief was that certification was not required because it was acting as a distributor or repackager of services provided by an underlying carrier, as do many other companies, such as Walgreens and Target.

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

UTILITY OFFICIAL:

Signature

Date

Rodger Zepka

Chief Operating Officer Title

Telephone No.

** APPENDIX D **

FLORIDA TELEPHONE EXCHANGES

AND

EAS ROUTES

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

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

** FLORIDA EAS FOR MAJOR EXCHANGES **

Extended Service	with	These Exchanges			
PENSACOLA:		ent, Gulf Breeze, Pace, Holley-Navarre.			
PANAMA CITY:	Lynn Ha Youngst AFB.	ven, Panama City Beach, own-Foutain and Tyndall			
TALLAHASSEE:		dville, Havana, llo, Panacea, Sopchoppy Marks.			
JACKSONVILLE:	Jackson Maxvill Park, P	Baldwin, Ft. George, Jacksonville Beach, Callahan, Maxville, Middleburg, Orange Park, Ponte Vedra and Julington.			
GAINESVILLE:	Hawthor Melrose	Alachua, Archer, Brooker, Hawthorne, High Springs, Melrose, Micanopy, Newberry and Waldo.			



OCALA:

DAYTONA BEACH: TAMPA:

CLEARWATER:

ST. PETERSBURG:

LAKELAND:

ORLANDO:

WINTER PARK:

TITUSVILLE:

COCOA:

MELBOURNE:

SARASOTA:

Belleview, Citra, Dunnellon, Forest Lady Lake (B21), McIntosh, Oklawaha, Orange Springs, Salt Springs and Silver Springs Shores.

New Smyrna Beach.

Central	None
East	Plant City
North	Zephyrhills
South	Palmetto
West	Clearwater

St. Petersburg, Tampa-West and Tarpon Springs.

Clearwater.

Bartow, Mulberry, Plant City, Polk City and Winter Haven.

Apopka, East Orange, Lake Buena Vista, Oviedo, Windermere, Winter Garden, Winter Park, Montverde, Reedy Creek, and Oviedo-Winter Springs.

Apopka, East Orange, Lake Buena Vista, Orlando, Oviedo, Sanford, Windermere, Winter Garden, Oviedo-Winter Springs, Reedy Creek, Geneva and Montverde.

Cocoa and Cocoa Beach.

Cocoa Beach, Eau Gallie, Melbourne and Titusville.

Cocoa, Cocoa Beach, Eau Gallie, and Sebastian.

Bradenton, Myakka and Venice.



FT. MYERS:

Cape Coral, Ft. Myers Beach, North Cape Coral, North Ft. Myers, Pine Island, Lehigh Acres and Sanibel-Captiva Islands.

NAPLES:

WEST PALM BEACH:

POMPANO BEACH:

FT. LAUDERDALE:

HOLLYWOOD:

NORTH DADE:

MIAMI:

Islands. Marco Island and North Naples. Boynton Beach and Jupiter.

Boca Raton, Coral Springs,

Deerfield Beach and Ft. Lauderdale.

Coral Springs, Deerfield Beach, Hollywood and Pompano Beach.

Ft. Lauderdale and North Lade.

Hollywood, Miami and Perrine.

Homestead, North Dade and Perrine.

EXHIBIT 1

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(To Be Supplied Later)

EXHIBIT 2





TECHNICAL AND MANAGERIAL CAPABILITY OF HELLO CARD INC.

Officers:

Eleno Ramos, President Hello Card Inc. 2 Bennett New York, New York 10033

Rodger Zepka, Chief Operating Officer Vice President and Secretary Hello Card Inc. 2 Bennett New York, New York 10033

Emil Manfredonia, Chief Administrative Officer and Controller Hello Card Inc. 2 Bennett New York, New York 10033

Directors:

Eleno Ramos Hello Card Inc. 2 Bennett New York, New York 10033

Rodger Zepka Hello Card Inc. 2 Bennett New York, New York 10033

Stockholders:

Eleno Ramos	\$08
Rodger Zepka	10%
Hello Card Inc.	
2 Bennett	
New York, New York 10033	





HELLO CARD INC.

Eleno Ramos - President. Mr. Ramos has served as President of Hello Card Inc. since its inception in March, 1993. Mr. Ramos has an extensive background in the telecommunications industry, which includes various productive entrepreneurial endeavors. He graduated from Rutgers University.

Rodger Zepka - Chief Operating Officer. Mr. Zepka has served as Chief Operating Officer of Hello Card Inc. since January 1994. Mr. Zepka has 16 years corporate experience with Fortune 100 companies, including 12 years of sales experience in the telecommunications industry.

During his six years with a subsidiary of International Telephone and Telegraph Corporation (ITT), Mr. Zepka was promoted from Major Account Representative in the Cleveland territory to Major Account manager in the Washington D.C. area, and later, to Senior Major Account Manager for domestic and international voice and data clients in New Jersey. Thereafter, he was appointed Regional Sales Manager for New York, northern New Jersey and Pittsburgh, where he directed sales of international and domestic private line and voice services and Telex services.

In 1989, Mr. Zepka was appointed Senior Manager for MCI Corporation, where he directed a 52-person staff. His responsibilities included strategic planning as well as new product development.

Mr. Zepka received his B.S. Degree in Marketing from Rider College.

Emil Manfredonia - Chief Administrative Officer and Controller. Mr. Manfredonia joined Hello Card Inc. in February 1996. He is a skilled financial executive with extensive management experience at both start-up and mature business operation levels. Mr. Manfredonia graduated from Brooklyn College where he majored in accounting. Mr. Manfredonia's telecommunications experience includes 22 years with International Telephone and Telegraph Corporation (ITT) and seven years with Local Area Telecommunications, Inc, both of New York, New York.

While with ITT, Mr. Manfredonia spent sixteen years in the company's Treasury and Controller's Department, where he monitored, analyzed and evaluated company performance against budget and planning objectives and handled special projects in general expenses and capital programs. During this time, he became Manager of the company's Finance and Management Controls department.

Thereafter, Mr. Manfredonia was appointed to the position of Vice President and Controller of ITT, where he was responsible for financial recommendations that led to the formation of three new 0



ITT subsidiaries for the company's entry into the dome. ic communications market. During the six years he was in this position, he directed a staff of 50 financial and accounting personnel, trained new marketing personnel in calculation of revenues and facilities expenses, and was responsible for accounting, budgets and business plans of ITT subsidiaries offering private line telephone and switching services.

Mr. Manfredonia joined Local Area Telecommunications, Inc., in 1984 as Vice President and Controller. In this position, he was responsible for all financial activities of this start-up venture, including budgets, financial reporting, general accounting, contract negotiations, fixed asset control, accounts payable, and accounts receivable. He formulated the company's financial policies, established its financial organization and procedures, and was a key member of the senior management policy committee for this \$30 million company.

In addition to his telecommunication-related experience, Mr. Manfredonia was the Assistant Vice President and Assistant Controller of Group Health Incorporated for five years, and is presently serves as Director of Accounting for the Amalgamated Life Insurance Company of New York. EXHIBIT 3

(To be submitted at a later date)