Paim Beach Telephone Company

Phillips Point, Suite 800 West 777 South Flagler Drive West Palm Beach, Florida 33401

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

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Dear Sirs:

We respectfully submit the enclosed application to the State of Florida, Public Service Commission for Alternative Local Exchange. We have included the corresponding Tariff for the application. We have also enclosed check made payable to the Florida Public Service Commission in the amount of \$250.00 for payment of the application fee. Please let us know if you have any questions or need any additional information.

Sincerely yours,

G. Peter Reed, Jr.

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Florida Public Service Commission - Application for Alternative Local Exchange

1. This is an application for:

Original authority

2. Name of Applicant:

Palm Beach Telephone Company

 A. National mailing address including street name, number, post office box, city, state, zip code & phone:

Phillips Point, Suite 800 West 777 South Flagler Drive West Palm Beach, FL 33401 561-820-9429

B. Florida mailing address including street name, number, post office box, city, state zip code & phone number:

Phillips Point, Suite 800 West

561-820-9429

777 South Flagler Drive West Palm Beach, FL 33401

C. Physical address of alternative local exchange service in Florida including street name, number, post office box, city, zip code & phone number.

Phillips Point, Suite 800 West 777 South Flagler Drive 561-820-9429

777 South Flagler Drive West Palm Beach, FL 33401

4. Structure of organization:

Corporation

If incorporated, please provide proof from the Florida Secretary of State that the applicant has authority to operate in Florida.

Corporate charter number:

P98000013431

Name under which the applicant will do business (d/b/a):

Palm Beach Telephone Company

If applicable, please provide proof of fictitious (d/b/a) registration.

Fictitious name registration number: N/A

 If applicant is an individual, partnership, or joint venture, please give name, title and address of each legal entity.

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A. Financial capability. (Cont.)

Palm Beach Telephone will have sufficient capability to meet its lease and ownership obligations with revenues generated by on going operations and or by exercising capital commitments from private investors.

Based on a track record of nine years of banking relationships developed while founding and managing a software distribution company, Palm Beach Telephone Company's founder has demonstrated the qualifications and net worth necessary to exercise long and short term financing agreements, and to meet the projected lease and ownership obligations necessary to provide requested telephone service.

B. Managerial capability.

Applicant's president, G. Peter Reed, Jr., has the managerial capability to provide Alternative Local Exchange service in Florida. This is evidenced by his successful management of Diskovery Educational Systems, Inc., a software distribution business whose annual revenues he grew to more than two million (52,000,000).

C. Technical capability.

Applicant's technical capability to provide Alternative Local Exchange Service in Florida can be demonstrated by the work experience of the company's network operations manager C. Bruce McClintic. Mr. McClintic successfully designed and maintained Diversified Tel-Comm's telephone network for more than five years. Additionally Applicant has a professional team of consultants with more than twenty years of telecommunications experience.

PALM BEACH TELEPHONE (PBTC)
Local exchange provider
PROFORMA INCOME STATEMENTS
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SECTION 1 - TECHNICAL TERMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

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

<u>Authorization Code</u> - A numerical code, one or more of which are available to a customer to enable him/her to access the carrier, 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 - Palm Beach Telephone Company

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

Day - From 8:00AM 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 Monday through Friday.

Holidays - PBTC's recognized holidays are New Year's Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day.

Night/Weekend - From 11:00 PM up to but not including 8:00 AM local time 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

Undertaking of Palm Beach Telephone Company

PBTC's services and facilities are furnished for telecommunications originating at specified points within the State of Florida under the terms and conditions of this Tariff.

PBTC installs, operates, and maintains the communication services provided hereunder 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 PBTC 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.

2.2 Limitations

- 2.2.1 Service is offered subject to the availability of facilities and the provisions of this Tariff.
- 2.2.2 PBTC 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.
- 2.2.3 All facilities provided under this Tariff are directly controlled by PBTC and the customer may not transfer or assign the use of service or facilities, except with the express written consent of the Company. Such transfers or assignment shall only apply where there is no interruption of the use or location of the service or facilities.

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SECTION 2 - RULES AND REGULATIONS

2.4 Interruption of Service (Cont.)

- 2.4.2 For purposes of credit computation, every month shall be considered to have 720 hours.
- 2.4.3 No Credit shall be allowed for an interruption of a continuous duration of less than two hours.
- 2.4.4 The customer shall be credited for an interruption of two hours or more at the rate of 1/720th of the monthly charge for the facilities affected for each hour or major fraction thereof that the interruption continues.

Credit Formula:

 $Credit = (A + 720) \times B$

A= outage time in hours

B= total monthly charge for affected facility

2.5 Restoration of Service

The use and restoration of service shall be in accordance with the priority system specified in Part 64, Subpart D of the Rules and Regulations of the Federal Communications Commission.

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, PBTC 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.

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SECTION 2 - RULES AND REGULATIONS

2.8 Taxes

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.

2.9 911 & Operator Services

As required by rule \$.364.01 PBTC shall provide access to operator services, 911 services and relay services for the hearing impaired.

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3.2 Calculation of Distance (Cont.)

EXAMPLE: Distance between Miami and New York City;

Miami	8,351	529
New York	4,997	1,406
Difference	3,354	- 879

Square and add: 11,249,316 + 772,641 = 12,021 - 195.70 = 1,202,196

Take square root and round = 1,202,196 = 1,096.4 = 1,097 miles

3.3 Minimum Call Completion Rate

A customer can expect a call completion rate on not less than 90% during peak use for all Feature Group D "FGD" services (1 + dialing).

3.4 Service Offerings

3.4.1 Message Telecommunications Service

Message Telecommunications Service applies to all calls made between two or more rate centers when the calling person dials the telephone number of the called party without the assistance of an operator, and the call is billed to the calling number.

3.4.2 Directory Assistance Service

Directory Assistance Service, as offered by the Company, allows customers to request information from Directory Assistance records. A Directory Assistance charge applies to each request. Customers are charged when they obtain the requested information or when the information is unlisted, non-published, or no record can be found. Customers are allowed a maximum of two requests for information per call.

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3.4.2 Directory Assistance (Cont.)

Those customers having Company approved certification, having a visual, physical or learning disability that prevents use of a telephone directory are exempt, as a reasonable accommodation associated with their disability, from the charges for Directory Assistance calls for up to and including fifty (50) calls per monthly billing cycle. This exemption applies to calls billed to one residential telephone line per certified customer and applies to Directory Assistance calls for personal use only. Calls in excess of fifty (50) will be billed the tariffed Directory Assistance charge.

3.5 Discounts for Hearing Impaired Customers

Intrastate toll message rates for hearing impaired customers, when 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, shall be evening rates for daytime calls and night rates for evening and night calls.

3.6 Operation of Telecommunications Relay Service

Intrastate toll calls received from the relay service, each local exchange and interchange telecommunications company billing relay call will be discounted by fifty percent (50%) of the applicable rate for a voice non-relay 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 sixty percent (60%) off the applicable rate for voice non-relay 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.

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SECTION 4 - RATES

4.1 Message Telecommunications Service

<u>Rate</u> Mileage	Day Initial Minute	Day Additional	Evening Initial	Evening Additional	Night/Weekend Initial	Night/Weekend Additional Minute
		Minute	Minute	Minute	Minute	
1 - 10	\$0.1900	\$0.0900	\$0.1425	\$0.0675	\$0.0950	\$0.0450
11 - 22	0.2600	0.1600	0.1950	0.1200	0.1350	0.0800
23 - 55	0.2700	0.2160	0.2025	0.1610	0.1550	0.1150
56 - 124	0.2700	0.2200	0.2025	0.1660	0.1595	0.1190
125 - 292	0.2700	0.2250	0.2025	0.1684	0.1620	0.1240
293 - 480	0.2700	0.2300	0.2025	0.1723	0.1635	0.1240
431 - 624	0.2700	0.2300	0.2025	0.1725	0.1670	0.1290

Rates are per minute.

4.2 Directory Assistance

A Directory Assistance charge applies as follows:

Rate

\$0.40 Each Call

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