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NAME: CONSOLIDATED COMMUNICATIONS
OPERATOR SERVICES, INC.

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EXAMINER: _____

**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.*

1. Consolidated Communications Operator Services, Inc.
(Name of corporation; must include the word "INCORPORATED", "COMPANY", "CORPORATION" or words or abbreviations of like import in language as will clearly indicate that it is a corporation instead of a natural person or partnership if not so contained in the name at present.)
2. Delaware 3. 02-0636485
(State or country under the law of which it is incorporated) (FEI number, if applicable)
4. August 05, 2002 5. Perpetual
(Date of incorporation) (Duration: Year corp. will cease to exist or "perpetual")

6. Upon Qualification
(Date first transacted business in Florida. If corporation has not transacted business in Florida, insert "upon qualification.")
(SEE SECTIONS 607.1501, 607.1502 and 817.155, F.S.)

- 121 South 17th Street
7. Mattoon, IL 61938
(Principal office address)

- SAME
(Current mailing address)
Provision of telecommunications and related services, including competitive operator services. To engage in any act or activity for which corporations may be organized.
8. _____
(Purpose(s) of corporation authorized in home state or country to be carried out in state of Florida)

9. Name and street address of Florida registered agent: (P.O. Box or Mail Drop Box **NOT** acceptable)

Name: Corporation Service Company

Office Address: 1201 Hays Street

Tallahassee, Florida 32301
(City) (Zip code)

10. Registered agent's acceptance:

Having been named as registered agent and to accept service of process for the above stated corporation at the place designated in this application, I hereby accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity. I further agree to comply with the provisions of all statutes 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.

Corporation Service Company

By: Dolores Burton
(Registered agent's signature)

Dolores Burton, Assistant Vice President

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:

A. DIRECTORS

Chairman: _____

Address: _____

Vice Chairman: _____

Address: _____

Director: _____

Address: _____

Director: _____

Address: _____

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B. OFFICERS

President: See attached officers/directors rider

Address: _____

Vice President: _____

Address: _____

Secretary: _____

Address: _____

Treasurer: _____

Address: _____

NOTE: If necessary, you may attach an addendum to the application listing additional officers and/or directors.

13. Robert Currey
(Signature of Chairman, Vice Chairman, or any officer listed in number 12 of the application)

14. Robert Currey, President
(Typed or printed name and capacity of person signing application)

OFFICERS/DIRECTORS RIDER

FL-Application by Foreign Corporation for Authorization

Consolidated Communications Operator Services, Inc.

List of Officers

Name: Robert Currey
Bus. Addr.: 121 S. 17th Street, Mattoon, IL 61938

Title: President

Name: Donald R. Shassian
Bus. Addr.: 121 S. 17th Street, Mattoon, IL 61938

Title: Vice President/Treasurer

Name: Richard A. Lumpkin
Bus. Addr.: 121 S. 17th Street, Mattoon, IL 61938

Title: Chairman

List of Directors

Name: Richard A. Lumpkin
Bus. Addr.: 121 S. 17th Street, Mattoon, IL 61938

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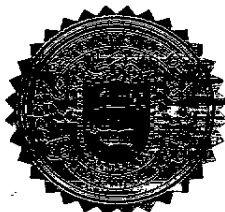
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I, HARRIET SMITH WINDSOR, SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE, DO HEREBY CERTIFY "CONSOLIDATED COMMUNICATIONS OPERATOR SERVICES, INC." IS DULY INCORPORATED UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE AND IS IN GOOD STANDING AND HAS A CONTINUING CORPORATE EXISTENCE SO FAR AS THE RECORDS OF THIS OFFICE SHOW AS OF THE TWELFTH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, A.D. 2002.

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AND I DO HEREBY FURTHER CERTIFY THAT THE SAID "CONSOLIDATED COMMUNICATIONS OPERATOR SERVICES, INC." WAS INCORPORATED ON THE FIFTH DAY OF AUGUST, A.D. 2002.

AND I DO HEREBY FURTHER CERTIFY THAT THE FRANCHISE TAXES HAVE NOT BEEN ASSESSED TO DATE.



Harriet Smith Windsor
Harriet Smith Windsor, Secretary of State

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