

Standard Questions for Applicants Seeking Local Exchange Service Authority

1. Is your company seeking any waivers or variances of certain Commission rules and regulations in this proceeding that pertain to local exchange service? Please provide evidence as to why your company is seeking any waiver or variance.

Yes. Applicant seeks the waivers as outlined in number 3 of the "Application for Certificate to Become a Telecommunications Carrier".

Applicant seeks a waiver of Part 710, Uniform System of Accounts for Telecommunications Carriers, because Applicant is already a going concern with an established accounting system in place. Applicant's system, while not in all regards corresponding to the Uniform System of Accounts, will nonetheless provide an equivalent portrayal of the operating results and financial conditions of concern to the Commission. Applicant's system will facilitate the calculation of all applicable taxes and fees, and is in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Procedures.

Applicant also seeks a waiver of Part 735.180, Directories, because Applicant will offer white page directories through other carriers. This will save costs and improve efficiency.

2. Will your company comply with 83 Illinois Administrative Code Part 772, Pay-Per-Call Services, including Part 772.55(a)(1), Billing and Part 772.100(d) Notices?

Yes, the Applicant will comply with 83 Ill. Adm. Code Part 772, Pay-Per-Call Services, including Part 772.55(a)(1), Billing and Part 772.100(d) Notices to the extent it provides Pay-Per-Call Services. Applicant has no plans to provide Pay-Per-Call Services.

3. Will your company comply with 83 Illinois Administrative Code Part 705, Preservation of Records of Telephone Utilities?

Yes, the Applicant will comply with 83 Illinois Administrative Code Part 705, Preservation of Records of Telephone Utilities.

4. Will your company abide by 83 Illinois Administrative Code Part 735, "Procedures Governing the Establishment of Credit, Billing, Deposits, Termination of Service and Issuance of Telephone Directories for Telephone Utilities in the State of Illinois"?

Yes, Applicant will abide by 83 Illinois Administrative Code Part 735, "Procedures Governing the Establishment of Credit, Billing, Deposits, Termination of Service and Issuance of Telephone Directories for Telephone Utilities within the State of Illinois."

5. Will your company abide by 83 Illinois Administrative Code Part 732, "Customer Credits"?

Yes, the Applicant will comply with 83 Illinois Administrative Code Part 732, "Customer Credits."

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6. Who will provide customer repair service for your company?

Applicant, through the use of its own personnel, will provide customer repair service.

7. How many people does the company employ?

The Applicant employs one full-time contractor to perform moves, adds and changes, program switch, troubleshoot, etc. Five other employees of the Applicant perform various services as part of their other duties (i.e. they perform phone duties on a part-time basis). The part-time duties include troubleshooting, wiring, cable splicing, billing, maintaining books, etc.

8. Will your company meet the requirements as they pertain to the Telephone Assistance Programs imposed by Sections 13.301 and 13.301.1 of the Illinois Public Utilities Act and 83 Illinois Administrative Code Part 757?

Yes, the Applicant will meet the requirements as they pertain to Telephone Assistance Programs imposed by Sections 13.301 and 13.301.1 of the Illinois Public Utilities Act and 83 Illinois Administrative Code Part 757.

9. Will your company solicit, collect, and remit the voluntary contributions from its telephone subscribers to support the Telephone Assistance Programs?

Yes, Applicant will solicit, collect, and remit the voluntary contributions from its telephone subscribers to support the Telephone Assistance Programs.

10. Does your company plan on filing to become an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier?

At this time, the Applicant does not plan on filing to become an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier.

11. Does the company realize that it will not be able to receive any of the federal reimbursements for the Lifeline and Link Up Programs if it is not an eligible carrier?

Yes, the Applicant realizes that it will not be able to receive any of the federal reimbursements for the Lifeline and Link Up Programs if it is not an eligible carrier.

12. Will your company offer all of the waivers associated with the Universal Telephone Service Assistance Programs (UTSAP)?

Yes, Applicant will offer all of the waivers associated with the Universal Telephone Service Assistance Programs (UTSAP).

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13. Will your company abide by the regulations as prescribed in 83 Illinois Administrative Code Part 755, "Telecommunications Access for Persons with Disabilities," 83 Illinois Administrative Code Part 756 "Telecommunications Relay Service," and Sections 13-703 of the Illinois Public Utilities Act?

Yes, Applicant will abide by the regulations as prescribed in 83 Illinois Administrative Code Part 755, "Telecommunications Access for Persons with Disabilities," 83 Illinois Administrative Code Part 756 "Telecommunications Relay Service," and Sections 13-703 of the Illinois Public Utilities Act.

14. Will the company's billing system be able to distinguish between resale and facilities based service for the collection of the ITAC line charge?

Yes, Applicant's billing system will be able to distinguish between resale and facilities based service for collection of the ITAC line charge.

15. Has your company signed and return the Universal Telephone Assistance Corporation ("UTAC") and the Illinois Telecommunications Access Corporation ("ITAC") to Commission staff?

Yes, Applicant has completed, signed and has returned to Commission staff, the Universal Telephone Assistance Corporation ("UTAC") and the Illinois Telecommunications Access Corporation ("ITAC") applications. Copies of the applications are attached hereto as **Appendix A, Attachment 1**.

16. How does your company plan to solicit customers once it begins to provide local service?

Applicant plans to solicit potential customers by means of direct sales and telemarketing. Slamming and Cramming policies will be strictly enforced.

17. Has your company provided service under any other name?

No, Applicant has not provided service under any other name.

18. Have any complaints or judgments been levied against the company? (Instate, out-of-state, or FCC).

No, there have been no complaints or judgments that have been levied against the Applicant.

Appendix A – Attachment 1

Copies of ITAC and UTAC Applications

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION AND AGREEMENT
ILLINOIS TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACCESS CORPORATION

Name of Applicant: Tri-City Regional Port District d/b/a River's Edge Telecommunications

Address of Applicant: 1635 West 1st Street
Granite City, IL 62040-1883

Name, title, address, and telephone number of responsible individual with applicant to whom communications should be sent:

Mr. Dennis Wilmsmeyer, General Manager

1635 West 1st Street
Granite City, IL 62040-1883
618-877-8444

The applicant hereby applies for membership in the Illinois Telecommunications Access Corporation ("Corporation"), an Illinois not-for-profit corporation. Upon the applicant's execution of this application and submission of this application to the corporation, the corporation will accept and execute this application in the space provided below, and will return an executed copy of this application to the applicant.

In support of its application for membership, the applicant states and agrees as follows:

1. Applicant is a telecommunications carrier providing local service as defined in the Illinois Public Utilities Act ("PUA").
2. Applicant agrees that it will be subject to, and have those rights and obligations set forth in, the By-laws of the corporation as adopted by the corporation's board of directors and approved by the Illinois Commerce Commission ("Commission"), as now in effect and as amended from time to time in the future.
3. Applicant acknowledges that the corporation is subject to the continuing supervision of and regulation by the Commission, and that the rights and obligations of each member may change as a result of this supervision and regulation.
4. To the extent from time to time approved by the Commission, the applicant delegates to the corporation authority to make such actions on behalf of the applicant as shall be necessary for the applicant to comply with its obligations under Section 13-703 of the PUA.
5. Applicant agrees to pay such portions of the monies collected by or on behalf of the applicant under and pursuant to Section 13-703 of the PUA (including income therefrom and appreciation thereon) as the Commission may from time to time order or as the corporation may from time to time request in accordance with orders of the Commission.

Dated: 5/19/04

By: Dennis J. Wilmsmeyer

Title: GENERAL MANAGER

SPACE BELOW TO BE COMPLETED BY ITAC ONLY

Acceptance: The above application and agreement is hereby accepted and the applicant is hereby accepted for membership in the corporation.

Date: _____

Illinois Telecommunications Access Corporation

By: _____

Title: _____

Please submit completed ITAC form to:

**Illinois Telecommunications Access Corporation
3001 Montvale Drive
Suite D
Springfield, IL 62704
(v) 217-698-4170**

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UNIVERSAL TELEPHONE ASSISTANCE CORPORATION

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Granite City, IL 62040-1883

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9. To the extent from time to time approved by the Commission, the applicant delegates to the corporation authority to make such actions on behalf of the applicant as shall be necessary for the applicant to comply with its obligations under Section 13-301.1 of the PUA.
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Dated: 5/19/04

By: Dennis J. Wilmsmeyer

Title: GENERAL MANAGER

SPACE BELOW TO BE COMPLETED BY UTAC ONLY

Acceptance: The above application and agreement is hereby accepted and the applicant is hereby accepted for membership in the corporation.

Date: _____

Universal Telephone Assistance Corporation

By: _____

Title: _____

Please submit completed UTAC form to:

**Barbara Lankford, Staff Liaison
Illinois Commerce Commission
527 East Capitol Avenue
Springfield, IL 62701
(v) 217-782-2024**