APPLICATION OF

TOLEDO AREA TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES, INC.

d/b/a Buckeye TeleSystem

EXHIBIT 1

Articles of Incorporation

and

Foreign Authority
ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
TOLEDO AREA TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES, INC.

The undersigned, desiring to form a corporation for profit pursuant to Chapter 1701 of the Ohio Revised Code, does hereby certify:

FIRST: The name of the corporation shall be Toledo Area Telecommunications Services, Inc.

SECOND: The place in Ohio where the Corporation's principal office is to be located is in the City of Toledo, County of Lucas.

THIRD: The purpose for which the Corporation is formed is to engage the business of providing telecommunications services, and any lawful act or activity for which a corporation may be formed under Chapter 1701 of the Ohio Revised Code.

FOURTH: The number of shares which the Corporation is authorized to have outstanding is Five Hundred shares, with par value of One Hundred Dollars per share.

Shares which are not issued pursuant to subscriptions taken by the incorporator may be issued or agreed to be issued at any time and from time to time for such consideration or considerations as fixed by the Board of Directors. Any shares so issued, the consideration for which, as fixed by the Incorporator or the Board of Directors, has been paid or delivered, shall be fully paid and non-assessable.

FIFTH: No minimum amount of stated capital with which the Corporation will begin business is required.

SIXTH: The Board of Directors is hereby authorized to fix, determine and vary the amount of working capital of the Corporation, to determine whether any, and if any, what part of its surplus, however created or arising, shall be used or disposed of or declared in dividends or paid to shareholders, and, without action by the shareholders, to use and apply such surplus, or any part thereof, at any time or from time to time, in the purchase or acquisition of shares of any class, voting trust certificates, certificates for shares, bonds, debentures, notes, scrip, warrants, obligations, evidences of indebtedness of the Corporation or other securities of the Corporation, to such extent or amount and in such manner and upon such terms as the Board of Directors shall deem expedient.

SEVENTH: Whenever any action to be taken at a shareholders' meeting is by law required to have the assent or approval of the shareholders of a particular class, assent or approval may be given by the affirmative vote of the holders of the majority of shares
having voting power in respect of such action; unless the statutes otherwise require, "shares having voting power in respect of such action", shall mean shares represented at the particular meeting by the holders thereof in person or proxy.

EIGHTH: A director or officer of this Corporation shall not be disqualified by his office from dealing or contracting with this Corporation as a vendor, purchaser, employee, agent, or otherwise; nor shall any transaction or contract or act of this Corporation be void or voidable or in any way affected or invalidated by reason of the fact that any director or officer of this corporation or any firm of which any director or officer is a member or any corporation of which any such director or officer is a shareholder, director or trustee, or any trust of which any director or officer is a trustee or beneficiary, is in any way interested in such transaction or contract or act; nor shall any such director or officer be accountable or responsible to the Corporation for or in respect to any transaction or contract or act of this Corporation or for any gains or profits directly or indirectly realized by him by reason of the fact that he or any firm of which he is a member or any corporation of which he is a shareholder, director or trustee, or any trust of which he is a trustee or beneficiary, is interested in such transaction or contract or act; nor shall any such director or officer be accountable or responsible to the Corporation for or in respect to any transaction or contract or act of this Corporation or for any gains or profits directly or indirectly realized by him by reason of the fact that he or any firm of which he is a member or any corporation of which he is a shareholder, director or trustee, or any trust of which he is a trustee or beneficiary, is interested in such transaction or contract or act; provided however, that the fact that such director or officer or such firm or such corporation or such trust is so interested shall have been disclosed to the Board of Directors or such members thereof as shall be present at any meeting of the Board of Directors at which action upon such contract or transaction or act shall have been taken; and any such interested director may be counted in determining the existence of a quorum at any meeting of the Board of Directors of the Corporation which shall authorize or take action in respect to any such contract or transaction or act, and may vote thereat to authorize, ratify, or approve any such contract or transaction or act, with like force and effect as if he or any firm of which he is a member, or any corporation of which he is a shareholder, director or trustee, or any trust of which he is a trustee or beneficiary, were not interested in such transaction or contract or act.

NINTH: No holder of any share of the capital stock of the Corporation shall have any pre-emptive right to purchase any new issue of any class of shares offered for sale by the Corporation pursuant to Section 1701.15 of the Ohio Revised Code or any successor or similar provision of the law.

Signed at Toledo, Ohio, this 24th day of February, 1994.

Fritz Byers, Incorporator
ORIGINAL APPOINTMENT OF STATUTORY AGENT

The undersigned, being at least a majority of the incorporators of Toledo Area Telecommunications Services, Inc., hereby appoint Fritz Byers to be statutory agent upon whom any process, notice or demand required or permitted by statute to be served upon the corporation may be served. The complete address of the agent is:
The Spitzer Building, Suite 824, 520 Madison Avenue
Toledo, Ohio 43604

NOTE: P.O. Box addresses are not acceptable.

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ACCEPTANCE OF APPOINTMENT

The undersigned, Fritz Byers, named herein as the statutory agent for Toledo Area Telecommunications Services, Inc., hereby acknowledges and accepts the appointment of statutory agent for said corporation.

Statutory Agent

INSTRUCTIONS

1) Profit and non-profit articles of incorporation must be accompanied by an original appointment of agent. R.C. 1701.07(B), 1702.06(B)

2) The statutory agent for a corporation may be (a) a natural person who is resident of Ohio, or (b) an Ohio corporation or a foreign profit corporation licensed in Ohio which has a business address in this state and is explicitly authorized by its articles of incorporation to act as a statutory agent. R.C. 1701.07(A), 1702.06(A).

3) An original appointment of agent form must be signed by at least a majority of the incorporators of the corporation. R.C. 1701.07(B), 1702.06(B). These signatures must be the same as the signatures on the articles of incorporation.
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
STATE OF OHIO,
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

I, J. Kenneth Blackwell, Secretary of State of the State of Ohio, do hereby certify that the
foregoing is a true and correct copy, consisting of _3_ pages, as taken from the original
record now in my official custody as Secretary of State.

WITNESS my hand and official seal at
Columbus, Ohio, this _2_ day of
May, _2000_.

J. Kenneth Blackwell
Secretary of State

By: [Signature]
Assistant Secretary of State

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State of Illinois
Office of
The Secretary of State

Whereas, APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO TRANSACT BUSINESS IN THIS STATE OF TOLEDO AREA TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES, INC. INCORPORATED UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF OHIO HAS BEEN FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE AS PROVIDED BY THE BUSINESS CORPORATION ACT OF ILLINOIS, IN FORCE JULY 1, A.D. 1984.

Now Therefore, I, Jesse White, Secretary of State of the State of Illinois, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby issue this certificate and attach hereto a copy of the Application of the aforesaid corporation.

In Testimony Whereof, I hereto set my hand and cause to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Illinois, at the City of Springfield, this 20TH day of JULY A.D. 2000 and of the Independence of the United States the two hundred and 25TH.

Jesse White
Secretary of State
APPLICATION TO ADOPT, CHANGE OR CANCEL, AN ASSUMED CORPORATE NAME

FILED
JUL 20 2000
JESSE WHITE
SECRETARY OF STATE

1. CORPORATE NAME: Toledo Area Telecommunications Services, Inc.

2. State or Country of Incorporation: Ohio

3. Date incorporated (if an Illinois corporation) or date authorized to transact business in Illinois (if a foreign corporation): July 20, 2000

4. The corporation intends to adopt and to transact business under the assumed corporate name of:
   Buckeye TeleSystem

5. The right to use the assumed corporate name shall be effective from the date this application is filed by the Secretary of State until July 1, 2005, the first day of the corporation's anniversary month in the next year which is evenly divisible by five.

6. The corporation intends to cease transacting business under the assumed corporate name of:

7. The undersigned corporation has caused this statement to be signed by its duly authorized officers, each of whom affirms, under penalties of perjury, that the facts stated herein are true.

Dated July 12, 2000

attested by Fritz Byers, Secretary

Toledo Area Telecommunications Services, Inc.

by David G. Hucy, President

NOTE: The filing fee to adopt an assumed corporate name is $20 plus $2.50 for each month or part thereof between the date of filing this application and the date upon which the corporation may renew its use.

The fee for canceling an assumed corporate name is $5.00.

The fee to change an assumed name is $25.