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Job 8, LLC)
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Application for a Certificate) Docket No. 09-0287
Of Local and Interexchange)
Authority to Operate as a Reseller and)
Facilities-Based Carrier of)
Telecommunications Services)
Throughout the State of Illinois)

PRE-FILED TESTIMONY OF
J. DAVID BARKSDALE
SECRETARY, JOB 8, LLC

Q: Please state your name, title and business address for the record.

A: My name is John David Barksdale. I am the Secretary of Job 8, LLC (“Job 8”). My business address is 800 Woodlands Parkway, Suite 118, Ridgeland, Mississippi 39157.

Q: What is the purpose of your testimony in this proceeding?

A: I am testifying on behalf of Job 8 in support of the Application of Job 8 for a certificate of authority to provide facilities-based and resold local exchange and interexchange services in the state of Illinois.

Q: Please provide a description of Job 8.

A: Job 8 is a limited liability company formed in the state of Delaware in November 2008. A copy of Job 8’s Certificate of Formation is attached to the Application filed in this docket at Exhibit 2.

Q: In what area of the state does Job 8 propose to provide service?

A: Job 8 proposes to offer services throughout the state of Illinois.

Q: Is Job 8 authorized to do business in Illinois?

A: Yes. A copy of Job 8’s Certificate of Authority to Transact Business in Illinois is attached the Application filed in this docket at Exhibit 2.

Q: Is Job 8 offering services in other jurisdictions?

A: No. Job 8 is a start-up company and has not initiated operations in any jurisdiction.

Q: Have there been any complaints or judgments levied against Job 8 in any other jurisdiction (instate, out-of-state, FCC, etc.)?

A: No.

Q: Is Job 8 managerially qualified to provide the services it proposes within Illinois?

A: Yes. As demonstrated in its Application, Job 8 is guided by a team of industry professionals. The officers of Job 8 are: James L. Barksdale, Walter M. Denny, Jr., J. Stacy Davdison, and myself. Resumes of the officers are attached to the Application filed in this docket at Exhibit 3.

Q: How will Job 8 handle billing matters?

A: Customers of Job 8 will be billed monthly according to terms of individually negotiated service contracts. Billing statements will include account number, amount due, due date, contact details, dispute details, and other details according to terms of individually negotiated contracts.

Q: How will Job 8 handle customer service matters?

A: All complaints will be handled by Job 8. The escalation and dispute resolution processes will be established by contract and customers will be notified of the additional remedy of complaint to the Illinois Commerce Commission. Personnel will be available at Job 8's business office during regular working hours to respond to customer inquiries. Customers may call Job 8 through a toll-free number (866-975-9951).

Q: Please describe Job 8's procedures to prevent slamming and cramming of customers.

A: Initially, Job 8 does not intend to provide services to which slamming and cramming rules apply. If and when Job 8 does provide such services, it will comply with all presubscribed carrier change rules as defined by the Federal Communications Commission and will comply with slamming and cramming rules as a local and interexchange provider and as an interexchange reseller. Job 8 will utilize written letters of agency and/or third party verification by an independent entity to ensure all orders are verified. Further, Job 8 will handle its own billing and will not bill for services other than those designated by the customer.

Q: Has Job 8 signed and returned the Universal Telephone Assistance Corporation and the Illinois Telecommunications Access Corporation Membership Applications and Agreements to Commission staff?

A: Yes. Copies of the Applications and Agreements are attached to the Application submitted in this docket at Exhibit 5.

Q: How many employees does Job 8 have?

A: Job 8 is a start-up company and currently has no employees. The officers of Job 8 currently manage the day-to-day operations of the company.

Q: How does Job 8 plan to solicit customers once it begins to provide local service?

A: Job 8 will advertise to its target customer base, business customers. Sales personnel will contact business customers with offers of service.

Q: Will Job 8 abide by all applicable laws and regulations?

A: Yes.

Q: Does Job 8 intend to file a tariff in Illinois?

A: Yes. Job 8 will file a tariff upon a grant of certification by the Illinois Commerce Commission.

Q: Is Job 8 financially qualified to provide the services it proposes within Illinois?

A: Yes. Job 8 has sufficient financial resources and abilities to provide the proposed services. Its financial fitness is demonstrated by its forecasted balance sheets and statements of income attached to the Application filed in this docket at Exhibit 4. These materials are proprietary and confidential and have been submitted under seal with a motion for confidential treatment.

Q: Does Job 8 utilize its own equipment and/or facilities?

A: Yes. Job 8 intends to manage the construction and build out of a fiber network. The new dark fiber route and regeneration facilities will be the facilities used by Job 8 and are the foundation for current and next generation telecommunications services.

Q: Does Job 8 possess the technical resources to deploy and maintain its facilities?

A: Yes. Job 8 had the technical qualifications to construct, operate and manage its facilities.

Q: Please describe the services Job 8 proposes to offer.

A: Job 8 plans to manage the construction and build out of a fiber route that will service business customers in the State of Illinois. Once the build out of the fiber route is complete, Job 8 will allow its customers to have use of the fiber to offer whatever service fits their business model. Job 8's CLEC and ISP customers may use this dark fiber to offer telephony, cable TV and Internet services. Private enterprise customers may use the fiber to connect highly valued data-centric facilities located in Illinois.

Q: For what purposes does Job 8 seek authorization?

A: Job 8 seeks authority to provide all forms of telecommunications services. This authorization will enable Job 8 to obtain the approvals necessary for construction of its infrastructure, as well as ensure it can expand its service portfolio as its business expands.

Q: Will technical personnel be available at all times to assist customers with service problems?

A: Yes. Job 8 will provide maintenance and repair services through its own technicians and engineers or through contractual arrangements it may have

with local third-party repair and maintenance companies and technical personnel will be available at all times to assist customers with service problems.

Q: Does Job 8 intend to provide payphone service?

A: No.

Q: Is Job 8 requesting any waivers?

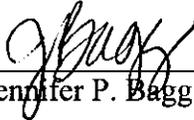
A: Yes. Job 8 seeks a waiver of Part 710 requiring use of the Uniform System of Accounts as more fully described in its Application filed in this docket. Applicant currently maintains a single set of books according to Generally Accepted Accounting Principles. As more fully described in the Application, Job 8 seeks a waiver of Part 250 of 83 Illinois Administrative Code in order to keep its books and records at its offices in Mississippi. Should it be necessary for the Commission to have access to those books and records, Job 8 will facilitate access at its own expense. Job 8 also seeks a waiver of Part 734, including Section 735.180 as more fully described in its Application filed in this docket.

Q: Does this conclude your testimony?

A: Yes.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Jennifer P. Bagg, hereby certify that I caused a copy of the foregoing *Pre-Filed Testimony of J. David Barksdale, Secretary, Job 8, LLC*, to be served on upon the parties listed on the Service List in Docket No. 09-0287 by electronic mail on August 4, 2009.



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