

EXHIBIT "B"

CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO TRANSACT BUSINESS IN THE STATE OF ILLINOIS



OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

JESSE WHITE • Secretary of State

MARCH 22, 2001

6155-318-5

C T CORPORATION SYSTEM
600 S 2ND ST
SPRINGFIELD, IL 62704

RE ADVANCED TEL, INC.

DEAR SIR OR MADAM:

IT IS OUR PLEASURE TO APPROVE YOUR REQUEST TO TRANSACT BUSINESS IN THE STATE OF ILLINOIS. ENCLOSED PLEASE FIND A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY, ACKNOWLEDGING YOUR REGISTRATION.

THESE DOCUMENTS MUST BE RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF THE COUNTY IN ILLINOIS IN WHICH THE REGISTERED OFFICE OF THE CORPORATION IS LOCATED, AS PROVIDED BY SECTION 1.10 OF THE BUSINESS CORPORATION ACT OF THIS STATE. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT YOUR RECORDER OF DEEDS.

THE CORPORATION MUST FILE AN ANNUAL REPORT AND PAY FRANCHISE TAXES PRIOR TO THE FIRST DAY OF ITS ANNIVERSARY MONTH (MONTH OF QUALIFICATION) NEXT YEAR. A PRE-PRINTED ANNUAL REPORT FORM WILL BE SENT TO THE REGISTERED AGENT AT THE ADDRESS SHOWN ON THE RECORDS OF THIS OFFICE APPROXIMATELY 60 DAYS PRIOR TO ITS ANNIVERSARY MONTH.

SECURITIES CANNOT BE ISSUED OR SOLD EXCEPT IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE ILLINOIS SECURITIES LAW OF 1953, 815 ILLINOIS COMPILED STATUTES, 5/1 ET SEQ. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE, SECURITIES DEPARTMENT AT (217) 782-2256 OR (312) 793-3384.

SINCERELY YOURS,

Jesse White

JESSE WHITE
SECRETARY OF STATE

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS SERVICES
CORPORATION DIVISION
TELEPHONE (217) 782-6961

JW:CD

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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
ADVANCED TEL, INC.
INCORPORATED UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA 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
affixed the Great Seal of the State of Illi
at the City of Springfield, this 22ND
day of MARCH A.D. 2001
the Independence of the United States
hundred and 25TH

Jesse W

Secretary of State

APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE
OF AUTHORITY TO
TRANSACTION BUSINESS IN ILLINOIS

SUBMIT IN DUPLICATE!

Jesse White, Secretary of State
Department of Business Services
Springfield, IL 62756
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Date 03/22/01
License Fee \$
Franchise Tax \$ 25.00
Filing Fee \$ 75.00
Penalties \$
Approved JW F/01

Payment must be made by
certified check, cashier's check,
Illinois attorney's check, Illinois
C.P.A.'s check or money order,
payable to "Secretary of State."

1. (a) CORPORATE NAME: ADVANCED TEL, INC.

(Complete item 1 (b) only if the corporate name is not available in this state.)

(b) ASSUMED CORPORATE NAME: _____
(By electing this assumed name, the corporation hereby agrees NOT to use its corporate name in the transaction of business in Illinois. Form BCA 4.15 is attached.)

2. (a) State or Country of Incorporation: LOUISIANA

(b) Date of Incorporation: FEBRUARY 5, 1985

(c) Period of Duration: PER PETUAL

3. (a) Address of the principal office, wherever located:

(b) Address of principal office in Illinois:
(If none, so state)

913 SOUTH BURNSIDE, GONZALES, LA 70737

NONE

4. Name and address of the registered agent and registered office in Illinois.

Registered Agent C T CORPORATION SYSTEM

First Name

Middle Name

Last Name

Registered Office c/o C T CORPORATION SYSTEM, 208 S. LaSalle Street

Number

Street

Suite #

Chicago

60604

Cook

City

ZIP Code

County

5. States and countries in which it is admitted or qualified to transact business: (Include state of incorporation)

LOUISIANA, TEXAS, MISSISSIPPI, ARKANSAS

6. Names and residential addresses of officers and directors:

Name	No. & Street	City	State	ZIP
President DANIEL J. AHERN,	913 SOUTH BURNSIDE, GONZALES, LA 70737			
Secretary BERYL S. SMITH	913 SOUTH BURNSIDE, GONZALES, LA 70737			
Director RUTH B. SCANLAN	913 SOUTH BURNSIDE, GONZALES, LA 70737			
Director JOHN D. SCANLAN	913 SOUTH BURNSIDE, GONZALES, LA 70737			
Director A. G. SCANLAN, II	913 SOUTH BURNSIDE, GONZALES, LA 70737			

If more than 3, attach list

7. Purpose or purposes proposed to be pursued in transacting business in this state:
 (If not sufficient space to cover this point, add one or more sheets of this size.)
 TELECOMMUNICATIONS, PRODUCTS AND SERVICES

8. Authorized and issued shares:

Class	Series	Par Value	Number of Shares Authorized	Number of Shares Issued
COMMON		\$10.00	20,000	11,000

9. Paid-in Capital: \$ 110,000
 ("Paid-in Capital" replaces the terms Stated Capital & Paid-in Surplus and is equal to the total of these accounts.)

10. (a) Give an estimate of the total value of all the property* of the corporation for the following year: \$ \$6,589,000.00
- (b) Give an estimate of the total value of all the property* of the corporation for the following year that will be located in Illinois: \$ 0.00
- (c) State the estimated total business of the corporation to be transacted by it everywhere for the following year: \$ 19,875,000.00
- (d) State the estimated annual business of the corporation to be transacted by it at or from places of business in the State of Illinois: \$ 821.40

11. Interrogatories: (Important – this section must be completed.)

- ** (a) Office or offices to which all contracts with the corporation are forwarded for final acceptance:
 (b) Number of shares of all classes owned by residents of Illinois:
 (c) Number of shares of all classes owned by non-residents of Illinois:
 (d) Is the corporation transacting business in this state at this time?
 (e) If the answer to item 11(d) is yes, state the exact date on which it commenced to transact business in Illinois:

12. This application is accompanied by a certified copy of the articles of incorporation, as amended, duly authenticated, within the last ninety (90) days, by the proper officer of the state or country wherein the corporation is incorporated.

13. 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. (All signatures must be in **BLACK INK**.)

Dated March 2, 2001
(Month & Day) (Year)
 attested by Beryl S. Smith
(Signature of Secretary or Assistant Secretary)
BERYL S. SMITH
(Type or Print Name and Title)

ADVANCED TEL. INC.
(Exact Name of Corporation)
[Signature]
(Signature of President or Vice President)
 by DANIEL J. AHERN, PRESIDENT
(Type or Print Name and Title)

* PROPERTY as used in this application shall apply to all property of the corporation, real, personal, tangible, intangible, or mixed without qualifications.

** When the response to #11(a) lists ONLY an Illinois address, then the total business as reflected in #10(c) is also considered to be Illinois business for the purpose of computing the Illinois allocation factor. By signing this application, the corporation affirms that it is aware that the amount of paid-in capital, and consequently the amount of license fees and franchise taxes, may be proportionately higher due to the Illinois address shown under #11(a).

ADDITIONAL SHEET FOR APPLICATION FOR AUTHORITY FOR THE STATE OF ILLINOIS

SIXTH QUESTION:

Names and residential addresses of officers and directors:

Officers:

A. G. Scanlan, II, CEO & Treasurer—913 South Burnside Avenue, Gonzales, LA 70737
John D. Scanlan, Executive President & Vice Chair—913 South Burnside Avenue, Gonzales, LA 70737
Ruth B. Scanlan, Chairman of the Board—913 South Burnside Avenue, Gonzales, LA 70737
Beryl S. Smith, Secretary---913 South Burnside Avenue, Gonzales, LA 70737

Directors:

A.G. Scanlan, II—913 South Burnside Avenue, Gonzales, LA 70737
John D. Scanlan--913 South Burnside Avenue, Gonzales, LA 70737
Ruth B. Scanlan—913 South Burnside Avenue, Gonzales, LA 70737
Beryl S. Smith---913 South Burnside Avenue, Gonzales, LA 70737

11. Interrogatories:

(a) Office or offices to which contract with the corporation are forwarded for final acceptance:

Janet S. Britton, Manager of Legal and Regulatory Affairs
913 South Burnside Avenue
Gonzales, Louisiana 70737

- (b) Number of shares of all classes owned by residents of Illinois: None.
(c) Number of shares of all classes owned by non-residents of Illinois: 20,000
(d) Is the corporation transacting business in this state at this time? No
(e) If the answer to item 11(d) is yes, state the exact state or country wherein the corporation is incorporated.