

**EXHIBIT 2**

**Articles of Incorporation  
and  
Certificate of Authority to Transact Business in Illinois**

Form **LLC-45.5**

January 1999

**Illinois  
Limited Liability Company Act**

Application for Admission to Transact Business

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Department of Business Services  
Limited Liability Company Division  
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**Submit in Duplicate**

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Date: 6-14-2001  
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Approved: € \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

- Limited Liability Company name: Big River Telephone Company, LLC  
*(Must comply with Section 1-10 of ILLCA or article 2 below applies.)*
- The assumed name, other than the true company name, under which the LLC proposes to transact business in Illinois is: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(If applicable, a form LLC-1.20, Application to Adopt an Assumed Name, is required to be completed and attached to this application.)*
- Federal Employer Identification Number (F.E.I.N.): \_\_\_\_\_
- Jurisdiction of Organization: Delaware
- Date of Organization: May 2, 2001
- Period of Duration: Perpetual  
*(See #14 on back)*
- The address, including county, of the office required to be maintained in the jurisdiction of its organization, or if not required, of the principal place of business (Post office box alone and c/o are unacceptable):  
1209 Orange Street  
*(Number) (Street) (Suite)*  
Wilmington, DE 19801  
*(City/State) (ZIP Code) New Castle*  
*(County)*
- Registered agent: C T Corporation System  
*(First name) (Middle Name) (Last Name)*  
Registered Office: c/o C T Corporation System, 208 South LaSalle Street  
*(Number) (Street) (Suite #)*  
Chicago Cook Illinois 60604  
*(City) (County) (ZIP Code)*  
are unacceptable)
- The date on which this foreign LLC first did business in Illinois: will begin July 1, 2001

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10. The purpose or purposes for which the company is organized and proposes to conduct in this State: Include the business code # (IRS Form 1065).

IRS Code 513300

Regional, local and long distance telephone and internet service provider, and any and all lawful business which a limited liability company may perform.

11. The limited liability company is managed by:

manager(s)

vested in member(s)

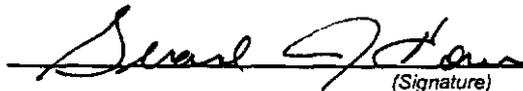
12. The Illinois Secretary of State is hereby appointed the agent of the limited liability company for service of process under the circumstances set forth in a subsection (b) of Section 1-50 of the ILLCA.

13. This application is accompanied by a certificate of good standing or existence, as well as a copy of the articles of organization, as amended, duly authenticated within the last thirty (30) days, by the officer of the state or country wherein the LLC is formed.

14. If the period of duration is a date certain and is not stated in the Articles of Organization from the domestic state, a copy of that page from the Operating Agreement stating the date must also be submitted.

15. The undersigned affirms, under penalties of perjury, having authority to sign hereto, that this application for admission to transact business is to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, correct and complete.

Dated May 18, 2001  
(Month/Day) (Year)

  
(Signature)  
(Signature must comply with Section 5-45 of ILLCA)

Gerard J. Howe, Manager

(Type or print name and title)

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*\*(If applicant is a company or other entity, state name of company and indicate whether it is a member or manager of the LLC.)*

\*Please refer to Sections 178.20(d) and (e) of the Administrative Rules

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Office of the Secretary of State

I, HARRIET SMITH WINDSOR, SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE, DO HEREBY CERTIFY "BIG RIVER TELEPHONE COMPANY, LLC" IS DULY FORMED UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE AND IS IN GOOD STANDING AND HAS A LEGAL EXISTENCE SO FAR AS THE RECORDS OF THIS OFFICE SHOW, AS OF THE FIFTEENTH DAY OF JUNE, A.D. 2001.



*Harriet Smith Windsor*  
Harriet Smith Windsor, Secretary of State

AUTHENTICATION: 1192756

DATE: 06-15-01

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CERTIFICATE OF FORMATION  
OF  
BIG RIVER TELEPHONE COMPANY, LLC

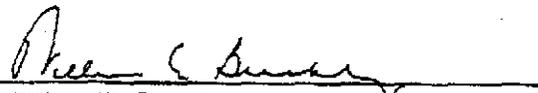
This Certificate of Formation of BIG RIVER TELEPHONE COMPANY, LLC (the "Company") is being executed by the undersigned for the purpose of forming a limited liability company pursuant to the Delaware Limited Liability Company Act.

1. The name of the limited liability company is:

BIG RIVER TELEPHONE COMPANY, LLC

2. The address of the registered office of the Company in the State of Delaware is 1209 Orange Street, in the City of Wilmington, County of New Castle, State of Delaware 19801. The name of its registered agent at such address is The Corporation Trust Company.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, an authorized person of the Company, has caused this Certificate of Formation to be duly executed as of the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of May, 2001.

  
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William E. Buckley

STATE OF DELAWARE  
SECRETARY OF STATE  
DIVISION OF CORPORATIONS  
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