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MAX-TEL COMMUNICATIONS, INC. :
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REQUEST FOR PERMISSION TO MAINTAIN BOOKS AND RECORDS OUT OF STATE

The Applicant, Max-Tel Communications, Inc. ("Max-Tel"), respectfully requests the Illinois Commerce Commission ("Commission") to grant it authority pursuant to 83 Ill. Adm. Code Part 250 to keep all their books, accounts, papers, records and memoranda at Max-Tel's home office in Alvord, Texas. Max-Tel requests such permission due to the special circumstances that it does not have a local office in the State of Illinois as it operates primarily via the telephone, and through independent agents which accept applications and payment on Max-Tel's behalf. Max-Tel is a small competitive local exchange carrier and the expense of keeping all of its books, accounts, papers, records and memoranda in Illinois at a location other than its home office would be cost prohibitive.

Max-Tel has an 800 number for all inquiries. In addition, Max-Tel understands that it may be subject to any condition the ICC may impose such as the requirement upon request to reimburse the Commission and its Staff for any expenses caused by the location of Max-Tel's books and records outside the State, including but not limited to all travel expenses, lodging, meals and any other expense of ICC personnel. Additionally, if

requested by the Commission, Max-Tel could arrange to have any pertinent books and accounts transported to the ICC for its review.

Wherefore, Max-Tel respectfully requests the Commission grant it permission to keep its books and records out of State.

Respectfully submitted,

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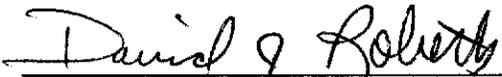
This is to certify that on this 30th day of November, 2001, a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing was placed in the United States Mail, postage prepaid, addressed to:

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