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Docket No. 03-019
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Please provide the appropriate information in the () areas in the heading below.

(Applicant's Name) :
:
Application for a certificate of :
(local or interexchange) authority :
to operate as a (reseller or facilities :
based carrier) of telecommunications :
services in (list specific area) in the :
State of Illinois. :

03-019

APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE TO BECOME A
TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER
(Use additional sheets as necessary.)

GENERAL

1. Applicant's Name(including d/b/a, if any) FEIN # 33-1034591

Origin Communications - Midwest - LLC

Address: Street 5216 S. Central Ave.

City Western Springs State/Zip IL 60558

2. Authority Requested: (Mark all that apply) 13-403 Facilities Based Interexchange
 13-404 Resale of Local and/or Interexchange
 13-405 Facilities Based Local

3. Request for waivers/variances: In applications for local exchange service authority under Sections 13-404 or 13-405, waivers of Part 710 and of Section 735.180 of Part 735 are generally requested. In applications for interexchange service authority under Sections 13-403 and 13-404, waivers of Part 710 and Part 735 are generally requested. Please indicate which waivers Applicant is requesting and explain why Applicant is requesting each waiver/variance.

- Part 710 Uniform System of Accounts for Telecommunications Carriers
 Part 735 Procedures Governing the Establishment of Credit, Billing, Deposits, Termination of Service and Issuance of Telephone Directories for Local Exchange Telecommunications Carriers in the State of Illinois
 Section 735.180 Directories

_____ Other

Origin is seeking a waiver of Part 710 and Section 735.180 of Part 735. Origin requests to be allowed to maintain its books under Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) as opposed to the Uniform System of Accounts for Telecommunications Carriers ("USOA"). Origin is a relatively new company that has never operated in a rate of return environment and is not subject to jurisdictional separations and other accounting methods traditionally applicable to the incumbent LECs. Without a waiver, Origin would be required to maintain two sets of books, an extremely onerous requirement, especially since GAAP accurately reflects Origin's operations.

Additionally, Applicant will contract with the ILEC to ensure that Origin's customers have access to and are published in a directory, however, Applicant does not intend, at this time, to publish its own.

4. For all applicants requesting local exchange authority under Section 13-404 or Section 13-405, please complete the following:
 - (a) the Standard Questions for Applicants Seeking Local Exchange Service Authority found in Appendix A of this document
 - (b) the 9-1-1 Questions for Applicants Seeking Local Exchange Service Authority found in Appendix B of this document;
 - (c) the Financial Questions for Applicants Seeking Local Exchange Service Authority found in Appendix C of this document; and
 - (d) if applicable, the Prepaid Service Questions for Applicants Seeking Local Exchange Service Authority found in Appendix D of this document.

5. In what area of the state does the Applicant propose to provide service?

Statewide

6. Please attach a sheet designating contact persons to work with Staff on the following:

- a) issues related to processing this application

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- b) consumer issues

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c) customer complaint resolution

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d) technical and service quality issues

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e) “tariff” and pricing issues

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f) 9-1-1 issues

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g) security/law enforcement

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Please identify each contact person's (i) name, (ii) title, (iii) mailing address, (iv) telephone number, (v) facsimile number, and (vi) e-mail address.

7. Please check type of organization?

Individual Corporation [Limited Liability Corporation]
 Partnership Date corporation was formed December 9, 2002
 Other (Specify) In what state? Delaware

8. Submit a copy of articles of incorporation and a copy of certificate of authority to transact business in Illinois.
See Exhibit A

9. List jurisdictions in which Applicant is offering service(s).

None

10. Has the Applicant, or any principal in Applicant, been denied a Certificate of Service or had its certification revoked or suspended in any jurisdiction in this or another name?

YES (Please provide details) NO

11. Have there been any complaints or judgments levied against the Applicant in any other jurisdiction?

YES NO

If YES, describe fully. _____

12. Has Applicant provided service under any other name?

YES NO

If YES, please list. _____

13. Will the Applicant keep its books and records in Illinois? YES NO

If NO, permission pursuant to 83 Ill. Adm Code Part 250 needs to be requested.

MANAGERIAL

14. Please attach evidence of the applicant's managerial and technical resources and ability to provide service. This may be in either narrative form, resumes of key personnel, or a combination of these forms. **Please see Exhibit B for the background of each officer.**

15. List officers of Applicant.

John Barnicle

Jeffrey Wells

Robert Junkroski

Richard Knight

16. Does any officer of Applicant have an ownership or other interest in any other entity which has provided or is currently providing telecommunications services? YES NO

If YES, list entity. Siznet LLC, which is a CLEC that will operate in California only is owned by Jeffrey Wells

17. How will Applicant bill for its service(s)? (At a minimum, describe how often the Applicant will bill for service and details of the billing statement.)

The Applicant intends to contract with a well established billing service bureaus to handle the Company's billing to Customers on a monthly basis. The Company is currently in the process of selecting a vendor. Monthly billing statements will consist of service usage volumes, circuit end points, contact information for billing and service questions, and dollar amounts to be remitted to Origin Communications.

18. How does Applicant propose to handle service, billing, and repair complaints? (At a minimum, describe Applicant's internal process for complaint resolution, the complaint escalation process, the timeframe and process by which the customer is notified by Applicant that they may seek assistance from the Commission?)

Origin's customer service representatives will be available to assist its customers with service, maintenance and billing issues. Specifically, Origin's customer services representatives are prepared to respond to a broad range of service matters, including inquiries regarding: (1) the types of services offered by Origin and the rates associated with such services; (2) monthly billing statements; (3) problems or concerns pertaining to a customer's current service; and (4) general telecommunications matters.

For service or billing issues, customers may contact Origin's customer services department toll free at 877-888-9100. Customers wishing to communicate with a customer service representative in writing can either e-mail the Company at customer@origineom.com or write to Origin at: 5216 S. Central Ave, Western Springs, IL 60558.

Origin has the ability to respond to customer complaints and inquiries both promptly and efficiently. Where a customer notifies the Company of a dispute with the Company's billing, service quality, service maintenance or service product, the Company will make every effort to resolve the registered complaint in an expeditious and fair manner. Depending upon the nature and the amount involved, the complaint may be resolved verbally at the time of the customer's call or shortly thereafter. For example, certain customer service representatives in the Company's complaint department are authorized to immediately and without further consultation resolve customer complaints of a specified monetary amount. Complaints of a more detailed nature and for larger monetary amounts may necessitate consultation with managerial staff and the need for an in-depth investigation and review of the issue.

The length of such investigations will vary on a case by case basis but, generally speaking, the Company expects to resolve most complaints within one to two weeks. Where internal investigations are necessary, the Company will notify the customer, in writing, of the results of its review. If the customer remains dissatisfied with the result of a review, and if complaint resolution cannot be reached internally, the Company will inform the customer of its right to file an appropriate complaint with the Commission to seek the Commission's assistance, and will provide the customer with the Commission's address and telephone number.

Origin has the ability to perform the maintenance necessary to ensure compliance with the quality requirements set forth in the Commission's rules. To this end, Origin will fully comply with the Commission's rules for service quality. Origin will provide repair and maintenance services for its customers in joint arrangement with strategic channel partners, or third party sales agents (such as local phone interconnect and local area network ("LAN") system integration companies, or customer premises equipment ("CPE") vendors). Upon provision of service, Origin's qualified technical staff will be on call twenty-four (24) hours a day, seven (7) days a week. The incumbent local exchange carrier ("ILEC") will be involved in maintenance issues only where it is necessary to resolve issues specific to the ILEC's network.

19. Will personnel be available at Applicant's business office during regular working hours to respond to inquiries about service or billing? YES NO

20. What telephone number(s) would a customer use to contact your company?

877-888-9100, toll free

21. Will Applicant abide by all Federal and State slamming and cramming laws pursuant to Section 13-902 of the Public Utilities Act and Section 258 of the 1996 Telecommunications Act?

YES NO

22. Please describe applicant's procedures to prevent slamming and cramming of customers? **Origin has a policy requiring that a customer signs a service order prior to commencement of service. Establish customers will be able to order additional products and services through the use of a secure website.**

23. If granted authority to operate as a local exchange carrier, will the applicant abide by the following 83 Illinois Administrative Code Parts: 705, 710, 720, 725, 730, 732, 735, 755, 756, 757, 770, and 772?

YES NO (If no, please provide an explanation.) **Origin is seeking a waiver of Part 710 and Section 735.180 of Part 735. Origin requests to be allowed to maintain its books under Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) as opposed to the Uniform System of Accounts for Telecommunications Carriers ("USOA"). Origin is a relatively new company that has never operated in a rate of return environment and is not subject to jurisdictional separations and other accounting methods traditionally applicable to the incumbent LECs. Without a waiver, Origin would be required to maintain two sets of books, an extremely onerous requirement, especially since GAAP accurately reflects Origin's operations.**

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24. Is Applicant aware that it must file tariffs prior to providing service in Illinois?

YES NO

FINANCIAL

25. Please attach evidence of Applicant's financial fitness through the submission of its most current income statement and balance sheet, or other appropriate documentation of applicant's financial resources and ability to provide service. *See Exhibit C, Filed Under Seal*

TECHNICAL

26. Does Applicant utilize its own equipment and/or facilities? YES NO

If YES, please list the facilities Applicant intends to utilize. Also include evidence that Applicant possesses the necessary technical resources to deploy and maintain said facilities:

Origin will have a Class 5 circuit switch in the Chicago area. The Applicant will lease local transport from ILECs and various third party providers, and intercity transport from several IXCs. Origin will establish points of presence in each LATA in which the company provides service, and use the intercity transport facilities to connect to the centralized switch in the Chicago area. Over time and as customer penetration builds, the Applicant will look to build or buy its own fiber network, and to deploy additional Class 5 switches. The majority of the customers will be reached via leased T-1 and DS-3 facilities. To the extent that analog lines are required, the company expects to deploy premises-based multiplexing gear to demultiplex T-1 facilities which are leased to the building(s) targeted. Origin will also co-locate equipment in ILEC central offices and lease unbundled loops for some smaller customers.

If NO, which facility provider(s)'s services does the Applicant intend to use?

27. Please describe the nature of service to be provided (e.g., operator services, internet, debit cards, long distance service, data services, local service, prepaid local service).

Origin intends to offer a full range of telecommunications services to its Illinois customers including local exchange services, interexchange services, T-1 (both switched and private line), POTS, data transmission, primary rate ISDN, internet and xDSL.

28. Will technical personnel be available at all times to assist customers with service problems?

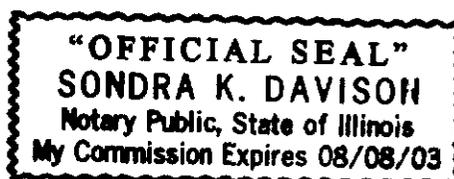
YES NO

29. If Applicant intends to provide payphone service, will the equipment utilized comply with FCC requirements and Finding (9) of the Commission Order entered in Docket No. 84-0442 on June 11, 1986, including, but not limited to: (a) touch dialing; (b) access to 9-1-1 and "0" operator dialing without use of a coin; (c) rules governing use of payphones by disabled persons; (d) ability to complete local and long-distance calls; (e) unlimited duration for local calls; and (f) a message explaining the telephone's general operations, dialing instructions for emergency assistance, payphone owner's name, method of reporting service problems and method of receiving credit for faulty calls? YES NO Applicant does not intend to offer payphone services.


(Signature of Applicant)

John Barnicle
Chief Executive Officer
Origin Communications - Midwest - LLC





VERIFICATION

This application shall be verified under oath.

OATH

State of IL)
County of COOK)ss

John Barnicle makes oath and says that he is Chief Executive Officer
(Insert here the name of affiant) (Insert the official title of the affiant)

of Origin Communications - Midwest - LLC
(Insert here the exact legal title or name of the Applicant)

that he has examined the foregoing application and that to the best of his knowledge, information, and belief, all statements of fact contained in the said application are true, and the said application is a correct statement of the business and affairs of the above-named applicant in respect to each and every matter set forth therein.

John Barnicle
(Signature of affiant)

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a Notary Public, Sondra K. Davison, NOTARY
(Title of person authorized to administer oaths)

in the State and County above named, this 15 day of JAN., 2003

Sondra K. Davison
(Signature of person authorized to administer oath)

