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VIA OVERNIGHT DELIVERY August 11, 2020

Florida Public Service Commission Office of Commission Clerk 2540 Shumard Oak Blvd. Tallahassee, Florida 32399

Re:

Easton Telecom Services LLC

Application for Original Authority to Provide Telecommunications Service in the State of Florida

Sincerely,

Docket No.: 20200171-TX

To the Florida Public Service Commission -

Enclosed with this letter is an Application for Original Authority to Provide Telecommunications Service in the State of Florida filed by Easton Telecom Services LLC. We ask that you please enter this submission into the Docket indicated above.

An additional copy of Easton's Application is also enclosed with this letter and please note that the \$500.00 Application fee has previously been sent to the Commission for this matter.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this Application and if there are any questions, please contact this office at your convenience.

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Philip Josephson
Regulatory Counsel to Easton Telecom Services

cc:

Easton Telecom Services

Encl:

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FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

OFFICE OF INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT AND MARKET ANALYSIS

APPLICATION FOR ORIGINAL AUTHORITY
OR TRANSFER OF AUTHORITY
TO PROVIDE
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE
IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA

INSTRUCTIONS

This form should be used as the application for an original certificate and transfer of an existing certificate (from a Florida certificated company to a non-certificated company). In the case of a transfer, the information shall be provided by the transferee. If you have other questions about completing the form, call (850) 413-6600.

Print or type all responses to each item requested in the application. If an item is not applicable, please explain. All questions must be answered. If unable to answer the question in the allotted space, please continue on a separate sheet.

Once completed, submit the **original and one copy** of this form along with a **non-refundable** fee of \$500.00 to:

Florida Public Service Commission Office of Commission Clerk 2540 Shumard Oak Blvd. Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850 (850) 413-6770

APPLICATION

This i	This is an application for (check one):								
	☑ Original certificate (new company)								
	Approval of transfer of existing certificate: Example, a non-certificated company purchases an existing company and desires to retain the original certificate rather than apply for a new certificate.								
Pleas	se pro	vide the fo	llowing:						
r	 Full name of company, including fictitious name(s), that must match identically with name(s) on file with the Florida Department of State, Division of Corporations registration: EASTON TELECOM SERVICES, L.L.C. 								
2. 7	The	Florida	Secretary	of	State	corporate	registration	number:	
	İ	M0100000	2613						
3. F	F.E.I.	Number:	34-1961773					,	
4.	Struct	ure of orga	nization:						
	•	any will be that apply)	operating as	a:					
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lf a p	If a partnership, provide a copy of the partnership agreement.								
If a fo		n limited p (Chapter	artnership, p 620.169,				Foreign limited p	partnership mber is:	

5. Who will serve as point of contact to the Commission in regard to the following?

(a) This application:

Name: PHILIP JOSEPHSON

Title: REGULATORY COUNSEL

Street Address: 2665 S. BAYSHORE DRIVE, PH2B

Post Office Box:

City: MIAMI

State: FLORIDA

Zip: 33133

Telephone No.: 305.285.7970

Fax No.: 30.285.7971

E-Mail Address: pjosephson@sterlingbusinesslaw.com

(b) Ongoing operations of the company:

(This company liaison will be the point of contact for FPSC correspondence. This point of contact can be updated if a change is necessary but this must be completed at the time the application is filed).

Name: JIM KOLEZYNSKI

Title: DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS

Street Address: 3046 BRECKSVILLE ROAD, SUMMIT II, UNIT A

Post Office Box:

City: RICHFIELD

State: OHIO

Zip: 44286

Telephone No.: 330.659.6700

Fax No.: 330.659.9379

E-Mail Address: jkolezynski@eastontelecom.com

Company Homepage: www.eastontel.com

(c) Optional secondary point of contact or liaison:

(This point of contact will not receive FPSC correspondence but will be on file with the FPSC).

Name: ROBERT E. MOCAS

Title: PRESIDENT

Street Address: 3046 BRECKSVILLE ROAC, SUMMIT II, UNIT A

Post Office Box:

City: RICHFIELD

State: OHIO

Zip: 44286

Telephone No.: 330.659.6700

Fax No.: 330.659.9379

E-Mail Address: rmocas@eastontelecom.com

6.	Physical address for the applicant that will do business in Florida:
	Street address: 3046 BRECKSVILLE ROAD, SUMMIT II, UNIT A City: RICHFIELD
	State: OHIO Zip: 44286
	Telephone No.: 330.659.6700
	Fax No.: 330.69.9379
	E-Mail Address: jkolezynski@eastontelecom.com
7.	List the state(s), and accompanying docket number(s), in which the applicant has:
	(a) operated as a telecommunications company.
	Please see Schedule 7(a) attached.
	(b) applications pending to be certificated as a telecommunications company.
	NONE.
	(c) been certificated to operate as a telecommunications company.
	Please see Schedule 7(c) attached.
	(d) been denied authority to operate as a telecommunications company and the circumstances involved. NONE.
	(e) had regulatory penalties imposed for violations of telecommunications statutes and the circumstances involved. NONE.
	(f) been involved in civil court proceedings with another telecommunications entity, and the circumstances involved. NONE .
8.	The following questions pertain to the officers and directors. Have any been:
	(a) adjudged bankrupt, mentally incompetent (and not had his or her competency restored), or found guilty of any felony or of any crime, or whether such actions may result from pending proceedings? \square Yes \boxtimes No
	If yes, provide explanation.
	(b) granted or denied a certificate in the State of Florida (this includes active and canceled certificates)? \Box Granted \Box Denied \boxtimes Neither
	If granted provide explanation and list the certificate holder and certificate number.

(c) an officer, director, and telecommunications company?	partner in a]Yes ⊠ No	ny other	Florida	certificated
If yes, give name of company a company, give reason why not.	and relationship	o. If no lo	nger ass	ociated with

 Florida Statute 364.335(1)(a) requires a company seeking a certificate of authority to demonstrate its managerial, technical, and financial ability to provide telecommunications service.

Note: It is the applicant's burden to demonstrate that it possesses adequate managerial ability, technical ability, and financial ability. Additional supporting information may be supplied at the discretion of the applicant. For the purposes of this application, financial statements MUST contain the balance sheet, income statement, and statement of retained earnings.

- (a) <u>Managerial ability</u>: An applicant must provide resumes of employees/officers of the company that would indicate sufficient managerial experiences of each. Please explain if a resume represents an individual that is not employed with the company and provide proof that the individual authorizes the use of the resume. Please see Schedule 9 attached.
- (b) <u>Technical ability:</u> An applicant must provide resumes of employees/officers of the company that would indicate sufficient technical experiences or indicate what company has been contracted to conduct technical maintenance. Please explain if a resume represents an individual that is not employed with the company and provide proof that the individual authorizes the use of the resume. Please see Schedule 9 attached.
- (c) <u>Financial ability</u>: An applicant must provide financial statements demonstrating financial ability by submitting a balance sheet, income statement, and retained earnings statement. An applicant that has audited financial statements for the most recent three years must provide those financial statements. If a full three years' historical data is not available, the application must include both historical financial data and pro forma data to supplement. An applicant of a newly established company must provide three years' pro forma data. If the applicant does not have audited financial statements, it must be so stated and signed by either the applicant's chief executive officer or chief financial officer affirming that the financial statements are true and correct.

Please see Schedule 9 and Schedule 9(c) attached.

10.	Where will you officially designate as your place of publicly publishing your schedule a/k/a tariffs or price lists)? (Tariffs or price lists MUST be publicly published to comply with Florida Statute 364.04).
	☐ Florida Public Service Commission
	http://www.eastontel.com/customer-resources
	Other – Please provide address:

THIS PAGE MUST BE COMPLETED AND SIGNED

REGULATORY ASSESSMENT FEE: I understand that all telecommunications companies must pay a regulatory assessment fee. A minimum annual assessment fee, as defined by the Commission, is required.

RECEIPT AND UNDERSTANDING OF RULES: I understand the Florida Public Service Commission's rules, orders, and laws relating to the provisioning of telecommunications company service in Florida.

APPLICANT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT: By my signature below, I, the undersigned owner or officer, attest to the accuracy of the information contained in this application and attached documents and that the applicant has the technical ability, managerial ability, and financial ability to provide telecommunications company service in the State of Florida. I have read the foregoing and declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the information is true and correct. I have the authority to sign on behalf of my company and agree to comply, now and in the future, with all applicable Commission rules, orders and laws.

Further, I am aware that, pursuant to Chapter 837.06, Florida Statutes, "Whoever knowingly makes a false statement in writing with the intent to mislead a public servant in the performance of his or her official duty shall be guilty of a misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 and s. 775.083."

I understand that any false statements can result in being denied a certificate of authority in Florida.

COMPANY OWNER OR OFFICER

Print Name:	ROBERT E. MOCAS	
Title:	PRESIDENT	
Telephone No.:	330.659.6700	
E-Mail Address:	rmocas@eastontel.com	

Signature: Rolf 9. Moras Date: 8/11/2020

Schedule 7(a) and Schedule 7(c)

State Authority Status

	State Authority Status							
Jurisdictions	IXC Authority	Date Authorized	CLEC Authority	Date Authorized	Docket # (if applicable)			
Alabama	Resale	3/13/2002						
Alaska		•	****					
Arizona	Resale	11/20/2002	***					
Arkansas	Resale	1/17/2002	Resale	2/13/2003	02-249-U			
California	Resale	1/25/2002	Resale/Facilities-Based	6/5/2003	U-6778-C			
Colorado	Resale	11/8/2001						
Connecticut	Resale	4/21/2005	Resale	4/21/2005	0403-15			
Delaware	Resale	6/18/2002						
District of Columbia	Resale	12/10/2001						
Florida	Resale	4/1/2002						
Georgia	Resale	1/10/2002	AA 45 A5					
Hawaii	Resale	4/8/2002						
Idaho	Resale	1/20/2002						
Illinois	Resale	8/7/2002	Resale/Facilities-Based	8/7/2002	02-0154			
Indiana	Resale	4/22/2002	Resale	5/28/2002	40900			
Iowa	Resale	4/25/2002	**-					
Kansas	Resale	2/19/2002	Resale/Facilities-Based	4/9/2003	03-ESTT-457-COC			
Kentucky	Resale	12/19/2001	Resale	9/20/2010	T63-0481			
Louisiana	Resale	10/11/2004						
Maine	+++		¥					
Maryland	Resale	4/10/2002						
Massachusetts	Resale	12/18/2001						
Michigan	Resale	11/6/2002	Resale/Facilities -Based	10/15/1997	U-11441			
Minnesota	Resale	4/24/2002	reduct Factor					
Mississippi	Resale	2/4/2002						
Missouri	Resale	2/14/2002						
Montana		2/ 14/ 2002						
Nebraska	Resale	4/2/2002	Resale/Facilities-Based	10/28/2003	C-2934			
Nevada	resaie	4/2/2002	Resalt/ Lacinites - Dascu		C-2/34			
New Hampshire	Resale	2/11/2002						
New Jersey	Resale	11/9/2001						
New Mexico	Resale	5/1/2002	***					
New York	Resale		Resale/Facilities-Based	12/22/2004	01-C-1885			
North Carolina	Resale	5/30/2002 3/25/2002						
	 		D1-	2/14/2002	DII 2640 02 200			
North Dakota	Resale	2/14/2002	Resale	2/14/2002	PU-2649-02-389			
Ohio	Resale	4/24/2002	Resale	4/24/2002	90-9032			
Oklahoma	Resale	4/11/2002	Possle	7/23/2010	10-283			
Oregon	Resale	1/8/2002	Resale	9/29/2005	A-311155F.3			
Pennsylvania	Resale	2/21/2002	Resale/Facilities-Based					
Rhode Island	Resale	12/21/2005						
South Carolina	Resale	9/27/2002			TC10.005			
South Dakota	Dle	6/12/2002	D coals	6/13/2002	TC10-085			
Tennessee	Resale	6/13/2002	Resale	6/13/2002	121995			
Texas	Resale	11/19/2001	Resale/Facilities-Based	1/5/2004	60671			
Utah	Resale	11/21/2001	Resale	2/9/2010	09-2517-01			
Vermont	Resale	2/20/2002						
Virginia	Resale	5/29/2002	 D 1	0 /00 /1000	 LYT 000574			
Washington	Resale	2/14/2002	Resale	9/22/1999	UT-020571			
West Virginia	Resale	6/20/2002						
Wisconsin	Resale	12/4/2001	Resale	5/3/2002	7617			
Wyoming	Resale	12/21/2001						

Schedule 9

Managerial, Technical, and Financial Capability

Robert E. Mocas, General Manager

63 years old. BA in 1979 and post-graduate studies. Entered telecom industry in 1983 as Consultant Trainee. Became Senior Vice President in 1988. Left firm in 1992 to found Resale LO Company. Operated successfully as President for 7 years. Sold company in 1999, remained as Vice President of parent firm and operated as subsidiary profitably. Organized Weston Telecommunications, LLC, now known as Easton Telecom Services, L.L.C. to purchase assets of Easton Telecom Services, Inc. in 2001.

Jim Kolezynski, Director of Operations

67 years old. 47 years of experience in industry. MBA, BA in Business Administration; Associate in Accounting. Has held managerial positions in various disciplines including Accounting, Sales, Marketing and Business Development. Previously with SBC/Ameritech, Ohio Bell, and AT&T.

Samantha Macke, Controller

41 years old, employed at Easton since 2018. BA in 2000, MBA expected May of 2021. 15 years of experience in accounting, financial analysis, and tax compliance. Previously with the Better Business Bureau.

James W. Butler, Director of Sales and Marketing

53 years old. 32 years of experience in industry. Employed by Easton since September 1992. Previously the Manager of Support Services. Previous experience in outside sales for LOOS, Allnet and Conquest Communications.

Denise L. Stoppenhagen, Director of Network Services

55 years old. 31 years of experience in industry. Employed by Easton since 1994. BA in 1987. Previously with Progressive Communication Technologies as Manager of Complex Local Networks Local/Data/Equipment/LO and Disaster Recovery.

Dawna R. Kornick, Director of Support & Local Network Services

62 years old. 33 years of experience in industry. Employed by Easton since 1995. Previously with BN1 Telecommunications where she held several different positions including Marketing Support Rep., Account Coordinator, Provisioning & Customer Service.

The Applicant, Easton Telecom Services, L.L.C., submits the following financial information:

Fiscal Year 2017 - Audited Balance Sheet, Income Statement, and Retained Earnings Statement

Fiscal Year 2018 - Audited Balance Sheet, Income Statement, and Retained Earnings Statement

Fiscal Year 2019 - Audited Balance Sheet, Income Statement, and Retained Earnings Statement

The Applicant affirms that the financial information are true and correct.

Robert F. Macan Provident

Date: 8/11/2020

STATEMENT OF INCOME

		Year Ended D	ece	ember 31 2016
Net sales	s	15,439,802	\$	15,752,715
Purchase of phone services Commissions	•	9,788,625 2,131,716		10,271,475 2,079,994
Cost of Sales		11,920,341		12,351,469
Gross Profit		3,519,461		3,401,246
Operating Expenses		3,074,834		2,791,906
Income from Operations		444,627		609,340
Other Income (Expense): Interest income Interest expense		17,603 _(32,940)		8,593 (29,521)
Total Other Expense		(15,337)		(20,928)
Income before Provision for City Income Taxes		429,290		588,412
Provision for city income taxes	_	(5,718)		(32,683)
Net Income	<u>s</u>	423,572	<u>\$</u>	555,729

BALANCE SHEET

·	Decem	ber 31		
ASSETS	2017	2016		
CURRENT ASSETS:				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 675,447	\$ 524,033		
Accounts receivable - trade	1,053,093	1,253,937		
Total Current Assets	1,728,540	1.777,970		
PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT:				
Cost	204,667	204,667		
Less: Allowance for depreciation	164,500	154,452		
Total Property and Equipment	40,167	50,215		
OTHER ASSETS:				
Deposits	14,000	14,000		
Notes receivable	53,191	53,191		
Total Other Assets	67,191	67,191		
Total Assets	<u>\$ 1,835,898</u>	\$ 1,895,376		

		December 31			
LIABILITIES AND MEMBERS' EQUITY (DEFICIT)		2017		2016	
CURRENT LIABILITIES: Line-of-credit Current portion of long-term debt Accounts payable Accrued commissions Accrued profit sharing Communications taxes payable Deferred revenue	S	386,581 74,500 1,080,500 211,883 70,000 510,119 301,001	\$	98,108 63,200 1,098,020 178,770 70,000 531,372 350,870	
Total Current Liabilities		2,634,584		2,390,340	
LONG-TERM DEBT - net of current portion Total Liabilities		294,813 2,929,397		376,583 2,766,923	
MEMBERS' EQUITY (DEFICIT) Total Liabilities and Members' Equity (deficit)		(1,093,499) 1,835,898		(871,547) 1,895,376	

STATEMENT OF MEMBERS' EQUITY (DEFICIT)

	Year Ended December 31			
		2017		2016
Beginning - Members' Equity (Deficit)	s	(871,547)	\$	(532,193)
Net income		423,572		555,729
Distributions		(645,524)		(895,083)
Ending - Members' Equity (Deficit)	<u>\$</u>	(1,093,499)	<u>\$</u>	(871,547)

STATEMENT OF INCOME

	Year Ended December 31 2018 2017
Net sales	\$ 14,233,391 \$ 15,439,802
Purchase of phone services	8,701,516 9,788,625
Commissions	2,005,432 2,131,716
Cost of Sales	10,706,948 11,920,341
Gross Profit	3,526,443 3,519,461
Operating Expenses	2,930,917 3,074,834
Income from Operations	595,526 444,627
Other Income (Expense):	
Interest income	10,207 17,603
Interest expense	(42,465) (32,940)
Other Expense	
Total Other Expense	(85,448) (15,337)
Income before Provision for City Income Taxes	510,078 429,290
Provision for city income taxes	16,422 5,718
Net income	\$ 493,656 \$ 423,572

BALANCE SHEET

	Decemb	December 31				
ASSETS	2018	2017				
CURRENT ASSETS: Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 756,669	\$ 675,447				
Accounts receivable - trade	773,143	1,053,093				
Prepaid expenses	50,166	_				
Total Current Assets	1,579,978	1,728,540				
PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT:						
Cost	218,785	204,667				
Less: Allowance for depreciation	188,143	164,500				
Total Property and Equipment	30,642	40,167				
OTHER ASSETS:						
Deposits	•	14,000				
Notes receivable		53,191				
Total Other Assets		67,191				
Total Assets	\$ 1,610,620	\$ 1,835,898				

			December 31	
LIABILITIES AND MEMBERS' EQUITY (DEFICIT)	QUITY (DEFICIT) 2018		2017	
CURRENT LIABILITIES:				
Line-of-credit	\$	379,990	\$	386,581
Current portion of long-term debt		78,000		74,500
Accounts payable		1,220,256		1,080,500
Accrued commissions		159,592		211,883
Accrued profit sharing		70,568		70,000
Communications taxes payable		345,427		510,119
Deferred revenue		303,761		301,001
Total Current Liabilities		2,557,594		2,634,584
LONG-TERM DEBT - net of current portion	_	226,046		294,813
Total Liabilities		2,783,640		2,929,397
MEMBERS' EQUITY (DEFICIT)	***************************************	(1,173,020)		(1.093,499
Total Liabilities and Members' Equity (Deficit)	\$	1,610,620	\$	1,835,898

STATEMENT OF MEMBERS' EQUITY (DEFICIT)

	Year Ended 2018	December 31 2017	
Beginning - Members' Equity (Deficit)	\$ (1,093,499)	\$ (871,547)	
Net income	493,656	423,572	
Distributions	(573,177)	(645,524)	
Ending - Members' Equity (Deficit)	<u>\$ (1,173,020)</u>	\$ (1,093,499)	

STATEMENT OF INCOME

	Year Ended December 31 2019 2018			
Net sales	\$	13,564,410	\$	14,233,391
Purchase of phone services		8,548,885		8,701,516
Commissions	_	1,843,388		2,005,432
Cost of Sales		10,392,273		10,706,948
Gross Profit		3,172,137		3,526,443
Operating Expenses	_	2,747,780		2,930,917
Income from Operations		424,357		595,526
Other Income (Expense):				
Interest income		3,496		10,207
Interest expense		(43,794)		(42,465)
Other Income (Expense):		8,711		(53,190)
Total Other Expense		(31,587)		(85,448)
Income before Provision for City Income Taxes		392,770		510,078
Provision for city income taxes		18,103		16,422
Net Income	<u>\$</u>	374,667	\$	493,656

BALANCE SHEET

EASTON TELECOM SERVICES, LLC.

	De	December 31			
ASSETS	2019		2018		
CURRENT ASSETS:					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 792,3	370 \$	756,669		
Accounts receivable - trade	716,0	27	773,143		
Prepaid expenses	24,5	<u>05</u> _	50,166		
Total Current Assets	1,533,5	502	1,579,978		
PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT:					
Cost	218,1	/85	218,785		
Less: Allowance for depreciation	198,	172	188,143		
Total Property and Equipment	20,7	<u>'13</u>	30,642		
Total Assets	\$ 1,554,2	215 \$	1,610,620		

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	December 31				
LIABILITIES AND MEMBER'S EQUITY (DEFICIT)		2019		2018	
CURRENT LIABILITIES:					
Line-of-credit	\$	500,000	\$	379,990	
Current portion of long-term debt		82,000		78,000	
Accounts payable		1,243,934		1,220,256	
Accrued commissions		141,650		159,592	
Accrued profit sharing		54,066		70,568	
Communications taxes payable		283,664		345,427	
Deferred revenue		446,745		303,761	
Accrued income taxes	 -	1,600	_	-	
Total Current Liabilities		2,753,659		2,557,594	
LONG-TERM DEBT - net of current portion		144,643		226,046	
Total Liabilities		2,898,302		2,783,640	
MEMBER'S EQUITY (DEFICIT)		(1,344,087)		(1,173,020)	
Total Liabilities and Member's Equity (Deficit)	\$_	1,554,215	<u>\$</u>	1,610,620	

STATEMENT OF MEMBER'S EQUITY (DEFICIT)

		Year Ended I 2019		December 31 2018	
Beginning - Member's Equity (Deficit)	\$	(1,173,020)	\$ (1,093,4	99)	
Net income		374,667	493,6	56	
Distributions	_	(545,734)	(573,1	<u>77</u>)	
Ending - Member's Equity (Deficit)	<u>\$</u>	(1,344,087)	\$ (1,173,0	<u>20</u>)	