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June 28, 2005

Thomas M. Dorman, Executive Director Kentucky Public Service Commission 211 Sower Blvd Frankfort, KY 40601

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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

RE: Acceris Management and Acquisition LLC

Dear Mr. Dorman:

Enclosed herewith for filing with the Kentucky Public Service Commission please find an original and three (3) copies of the above captioned corporation's INFORMATIONAL FILING FOR AUTHORITY TO OPERATE AS A RESELLER OF INTEREXCHANGE TELEPHONE SERVICES within the State of Kentucky.

Enclosed you will find an exact duplicate of this letter. Please stamp the duplicate received and return same in the postage-paid envelope attached thereto.

Should you have any questions, please contact me.

Very truly yours

EARLY, LEMNON, CROCKER & BARTOSIEWICZ, P.L.C.

Patrick D. Crocke

#### Before the PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF KENTUCKY

IN THE MATTER OF THE INFORMATIONAL FILING OF	)	
ACCERIS MANAGEMENT AND ACQUISITION LLC	)	
FOR AUTHORITY TO OPERATE AS A RESELLER OF	) No.	
INTEREXCHANGE TELEPHONE	)	
SERVICE THROUGHOUT THE STATE OF KENTUCKY	· )	

ACCERIS MANAGEMENT AND ACQUISITION LLC submits the following information in accordance with the provisions of Administrative Case No. 359 and its proposed tariffs in accordance with 807 KAR 5:011.

1. The name, address and telephone number of the company is:

ACCERIS MANAGEMENT AND ACQUISITION LLC

60 South Sixth Street, Suite 2535

Minneapolis, MN 55402

Telephone: (612) 465-0260

Facsimile:

(612) 455-1022

Toll Free:

(800) 852-7023

- 2. Articles of Organization - See Exhibit A.
- 3. Authorization to conduct business in Kentucky: See Exhibit B.
- 4. Representatives for ongoing operations and correspondence:

Questions concerning this application and tariff should be directed to:

Patrick D. Crocker

Early, Lennon, Crocker & Bartosiewicz, P.L.C.

900 Comerica Building

Kalamazoo, MI 49007

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#### Company Contact:

**Drew Backstrand** 

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- 5. ACCERIS MANAGEMENT AND ACQUISITION LLC has not provided service in Kentucky prior to filing this notice of intent. See notarized statement attached hereto as **Exhibit C**.
- ACCERIS MANAGEMENT AND ACQUISITION LLC does not seek authority to provide operator assisted services to traffic aggregators as defined in Administrative Case No. 330.
- 7. The Company's proposed tariff is submitted to become effective 30 days after the date of this filing. See **Exhibit D**.
- 8. A sample Company bill is attached as Exhibit E.

WHEREFORE, ACCERIS MANAGEMENT AND ACQUISITION LLC requests that the Public Service Commission of Kentucky grant authority to engage in the resale of interexchange telecommunications services to the public in accordance with applicable laws currently in effect or hereinafter enacted by the Commission.

Respectfully submitted this 38 Hday of

2005.

ACCERIS MANAGEMENT AND ACQUISITION LLC

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atrick D. Crocker, Attorney

# EXHIBIT A Articles of Organization

# state of Minnesota

# **SECRETARY OF STATE**

Certificate of Organization

I, Mary Kiffmeyer, Secretary of State of Minnesota, do certify that: Articles of Organization, duly signed, have been filed on this date in the Office of the Secretary of State, for the organization of the following limited liability company, under and in accordance with the provisions of the chapter of Minnesota Statutes listed below.

This limited liability company is now legally organized under the laws of Minnesota.

Name: Acceris Management and Acquisition LLC

Charter Number: 1353712-2

Chapter Formed Under: 322B

This certificate has been issued on 05/10/2005.



Mary Hiffmages
Secretary of State.



#### ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF ACCERIS MANAGEMENT AND ACQUISITION LLC

The undersigned, being of full age and for the purpose of forming a limited liability company for general business purposes under Chapter 322B of the Minnesota Statutes, does hereby adopt the following Articles of Organization:

> Article 1 Name

The name of this limited liability company is Acceris Management and Acquisition LLC.

Article 2 Registered Office

The address of the registered office of this limited liability company is

60 South Sixth Street **Suite 2535** Minneapolis, MN 55402

> Article 3 Period of Existence

Unless dissolved earlier in accordance with law, the period of existence of this limited liability company shall be perpetual.

> Article 4 Organizer

The name and address of the sole organizer of this limited liability company are

Christopher A. Carlisle Gray, Plant, Mooty, Mooty & Bennett, P.A. 500 IDS Center 80 South Eighth Street Minneapolis, Minnesota 55402

> Article 5 Preemptive Rights Prohibition

The members of this limited liability company shall have no preemptive rights as described in Minnesota Statutes Section 322B.33 or any successor thereto.

### Article 6 Cumulative Voting

The members of this limited liability company shall have no rights of cumulative voting as described in Minnesota Statutes Section 322B.63 or any successor thereto.

# Article 7 Limitation of Liability of Governors

A governor of this limited liability company shall not be personally liable to this limited liability company or its members for monetary damages for breach of fiduciary duty as a governor, except for liability (i) based on a breach of the governor's duty of loyalty to this limited liability company or its members; (ii) for acts or omissions not in good faith or that involve intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law; (iii) under Section 322B.56 or Section 80A.23 of the Minnesota Statutes; or (iv) for any transaction from which such governor derived an improper personal benefit. If Chapter 322B of the Minnesota Statutes is hereafter amended to authorize the further elimination or limitation of the liability of governors, then the liability of a governor of this limited liability company, in addition to the limitation on personal liability provided herein, shall be limited to the fullest extent permitted by Chapter 322B of the Minnesota Statutes, as amended. Any repeal or modification of this Article by the members of this limited liability company shall be prospective only and shall not adversely affect any limitation on the personal liability of a governor of this limited liability company existing at the time of such repeal or modification.

# Article 8 Actions by Written Consent

Any action which is required or permitted to be taken by the governors of this limited liability company at a meeting and which does not require the approval of the members may be taken by written action signed by the number of governors that would be required to take the same action at a meeting at which all governors were present. However, if the action is one which must be approved by the members, such action may be taken only by written action signed by all of the governors then in office. Any action required or permitted to be taken at a meeting of the members may be taken by written action signed by members who possess the voting power that would be required to take the same action at a meeting of the members at which all members were present.

### Article 9 Dissenters' Rights Prohibition

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 322B.383, subdivision 1(1) (or similar provisions of future law), a member shall have no right to dissent from, and obtain payment for the fair value of the member's membership interest in the event of an amendment of the articles of organization which materially and adversely affects the rights or preferences of the membership interests of the dissenting member in that it: (i) alters or abolishes a preferential right of the membership interests; (ii) creates, alters, or abolishes a right in respect of the redemption of the

membership interests, including a provision respecting a sinking fund for the redemption or repurchase of the membership interests; (iii) alters or abolishes a preemptive right of the owner of the membership interests to make a contribution; (iv) excludes or limits the right of a member to vote on a matter or to cumulate votes; (v) changes a member's right to resign or retire; or (vi) establishes or changes the conditions for or consequences of expolision

The undersigned has set his hand this 10th day of May 2005.

Christopher A. Carlisle

Organizer

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#### STATE OF MINNESOTA

DEPARIMENT OF STATE

Thereby certify than this is a fine and coordinate uppy of the document as filled for record to this office.

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# **EXHIBIT B**

# **Certificate of Authority to Transact Business**

#### COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY TREY GRAYSON SECRETARY OF STATE



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Trey Grayson Secretary of State Received and Filed 06/23/2005 11:22:23 AM Fee Receipt: \$90.00

#### APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY

Pursuant to the provisions of KRS Chapter 275, the undersig on behalf of the limited liability company named below and fo					ntucky
The company is a limited (iability company (LLC).     a professional limited liability company.	pany (PLLC).				
2. The name of the limited liability company is  ACCERIS MANAGEMENT AND ACQUISITION LLC			•		
3. The name of the limited liability company to be used in Ken					
(if "rest name" i	s unavailable for usa)				
4. Minnesota is the state or co	untry of organization	•			
5. May 10, 2005 is the date of orga of dissolution, the latest date upon which the limited liability	anization and, if the company is to disso	limited (labili	ity company	has a specific	date
<ol><li>The street address of the office required to be maintained in office address is</li></ol>	n the state of format	ion or, if not	so required,	, the principal	
60 South 6th Street, Suite 2535, Minn	eapolis,	MN	55402	Zip Code	·
7. The names and usual business addresses of the current ma			•	ZIP Coos	
Elam Baer 60	S. 6th Street	, Suite	2535, Min	meapolis,	MN 55402
Laura Conradi Carlson 60	S. 6th Street	Addr Suite	2535, Min	neapolis,	MN 55402
Name (Atlach a continuatio	rt, If hecessary)	Addn	i <b>ć</b> S		
B. The street address of the registered office in Kentucky is	Louisville.		KY	40207	
6010 Brownsboro Park Boulevard, Suite H, Street	Louisville,	City	State	Zip Code	·
and the name of the registered agent at that office is Stephen A. Schwager	 	,			·
3 This application will be effective upon filing, unless a delayer	d effective date and/	or time is sp	pecified;		
(Delayed effective data and/or tiget)					
certify that, as of the date of filing this application, the above- company under the laws of the jurisdiction of its formation.	named limited liabili	n Co	validly exists	s as a limited li	ability
	Laura Conra	di Carison,		and Manager	-
	Date:	1/13		20_0	
Stephen A. Schwager	, consent to serve as the	he registered a	gent on behalf	of the limited liabil	ity
Type or print, name of registered agent	NI	if /c	tohy	7	
	Stephen A.	Signature of Regi	stered Agent		

(See attached sheet for instructions)

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# **EXHIBIT C**

#### **Notarized Affidavit**

#### **AFFIDAVIT**

STATE OF	MICHIGAN	)	
		)	SS
COUNTY OF	KALAMAZOO	)	

Patrick D. Crocker, Attorney for Acceris Management and Acquisition LLC, first being duly sworn on oath, deposes and says as follows:

- 1. ACCERIS MANAGEMENT AND ACQUISITION LLC has neither provided nor collected money from customers within Kentucky for intrastate telecommunication services.
- 2. ACCERIS MANAGEMENT AND ACQUISITION LLC does not seek to provide operator assisted services to traffic aggregators.

Respectfully Submitted,

ACCERIS Management and Acquisition LLC

Bv:

Patrick D. Crocke

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of June 2005 by Patrick D. Crocker.

Notary Public: Paula A. Schneider Commission Expires: June 24, 2011

Kalamazoo County, Michigan

Acting in Kalamazoo County, Michigan