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ATTN: Executive Director  
Kentucky Public Service Commission  
211 Sower Boulevard  
Frankfort, Kentucky 40602-0615

RE: Certification Application for NationsLine Kentucky, Inc.

Dear Sir or Madam:

Enclosed please find an original and four copies of the application, with exhibits, of NationsLine Kentucky Inc. to provide facilities based local exchange service as a competitive local exchange carrier (CLEC) in the state of Kentucky.

We look forward to assisting you in any way possible with this application, and will provide whatever information your office may require. Please feel free to contact me at (540) 444-2169, or [sathanson@nationsline.com](mailto:sathanson@nationsline.com). Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very Truly Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stephen Athanson".

Stephen Athanson  
General Counsel  
NationsLine Kentucky, Inc.

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STATE OF KENTUCKY  
BEFORE THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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IN THE MATTER OF THE )  
INFORMATIONAL FILING OF )  
NATIONSLINE KENTUCKY INC. )  
FOR AUTHORITY TO OPERATE AS A )  
RESELLER OF INTEREXCHANGE )  
AND LOCAL EXCHANGE TELEPHONE )  
SERVICE THROUGHOUT KENTUCKY )

No. \_\_\_\_\_

**APPLICATION OF NATIONSLINE KENTUCKY, INC.**

NationsLine Kentucky Inc. ("NationsLine," "Applicant" or "Company"), by its undersigned counsel, and pursuant to the provisions of Administrative Case No. 359, and in accordance with 807 KAR 5:011 hereby applies to the Kentucky Public Service Commission ("Commission") for a license to provide basic local exchange service in the state of Kentucky. NationsLine proposes to provide basic local exchange service on both a resale and facilities-based basis, as well as provide non-licensed and unregulated telecommunications service on a competitive basis. NationsLine's Application seeking entry into the Kentucky telecommunications market is in the public interest because it will provide Kentucky customers with an enhanced range of telecommunications services, increase customer choice, encourage carriers to provide more efficient service at lower prices, provide users with greater reliability, and create competitive pressure on carriers on carriers to provide more responsive customer service. NationsLine respectfully submits that its entry will bolster competition for the provision of local telecommunications services, which is essential to the State's continues economic health and well being.

**1. Contact Information for Applicant**

The name and address of the Applicant is:

NationsLine Kentucky Inc.  
3435 Chip Drive

Roanoke VA, 24012  
(540) 265-2555  
(866) 262-4114 (toll free)  
(540) 265-7742 (fax number)

The designated contact for this Application is:

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The contact for customer complaints and regulatory issues is:

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Regulatory Assistant  
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E-Mail: dwaller@nationsline.com

## **2. Corporate Information**

NationsLine is a privately held corporation duly organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Virginia. The Company was formed on March 19, 2004, and is headquartered at: 3435 Chip Drive, Roanoke VA 24012. Its telephone number is (540) 265-2555. NationsLine was organized to provide both domestic and international telecommunications services to customers in the State of Kentucky. A copy of NationsLine's Articles of Incorporation and Certificate of Authority are attached hereto as **Exhibits A and B**.

The name and address of the Company's registered agent in Kentucky for service of process is:

NRAI, Inc.  
712 Abbott Road  
East Lansing, Kentucky 48823

### **3. Qualifications to Provide Service**

NationsLine has the necessary technical expertise to provide telecommunications services in Kentucky. NationsLine has not been denied any requested authority to provide telecommunications services filed in any state, nor has NationsLine had its authorization to provide telecommunications services revoked in any state. A notarized statement that the company has not provided or collected for intrastate service in Kentucky prior to filing its tariff is attached hereto as **Exhibit C**.

### **4. Description of Services To Be Offered**

Pursuant to this Application, NationsLine seeks to offer and provide all forms of basic local exchange telecommunications services to customers in the State of Kentucky, including:

- Basic residential exchange services (local exchange flat rate, operator access);
- Basic business exchange services;
- Business and residential ancillary services (9-1-1, E-9-1-1, 4-1-1, relay service, directory listing, directory assistance, etc.);
- Assignment of new numbers;
- Number portability;
- AIN provided features;
- Interfaces to local exchange carriers' switches

NationsLine will utilize its own switches in the provision of service to its customers. NationsLine will also secure collocation in the central offices of the incumbent local exchange carriers ("ILECs"), and will purchase unbundled loops from the ILEC. In addition to the above-listed local exchange services and in conformity with the regulations of the Commission, NationsLine, either directly or through

arrangements with other service providers, will offer access to the following services: dual-party relay service for the hearing and speech-impaired; local emergency services, including 911 services established by local authorities; basic local operator services; basic local directory assistance; equal access to intraLATA and interLATA interexchange carriers, consistent with the rules and regulations of the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC"); and one (1) standard white pages directory listing.

The company does not seek authority to provide operator assisted service to traffic aggregators are defined in Administrative Case No. 330.

The company's proposed tariff is attached as **Exhibits D**.

A sample Company bill is attached as **Exhibit E**.

#### **5. Statement of Public Interest**

NationsLine submits that approval of this Application is in the public interest because NationsLine is qualified technically, managerially, and financially to serve the Kentucky public as a facilities-based and resold local exchange carrier. Moreover, permitting NationsLine to provide the services described in this Application will expand local service options for customers in Kentucky, and will increase competition in Kentucky by expanding the diversity of suppliers and competition within the local exchange telecommunications market without any adverse impact on the Commission's goals of universal service and affordable telecommunications services for the residents of Kentucky.

NationsLine's participation in the market for local exchange telecommunications services in Kentucky will promote consumer choice by expanding the availability of innovative, high quality, reliable and competitively-priced telecommunications services. Approval of this Application also is likely to compel other local telecommunications providers to improve their existing services, increase the quality and efficiency of their

operations, and introduce innovative new services of their own. The addition of NationsLine to the Kentucky telecommunications market makes it probable that consumers of telecommunications services in Kentucky will receive the benefits of downward pressure on prices, improved customer responsiveness, and access to increasingly advanced telecommunications technology. Further, NationsLine's provision of basic local exchange service to the public in Kentucky is consistent with the legislative goals set forth in the 1996 Act and applicable state law.

WHEREFORE, NationsLine respectfully requests that the Commission grant it authority to provide basic local exchange telecommunication services to the public in accordance with applicable laws currently in effect or hereinafter enacted by the Commission.

Respectfully submitted,  
NATIONSLINE KENTUCKY, INC.

  
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