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INTERIM CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE COMPETITIVE LOCAL EXCHANGE TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES

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IN RE:

DOCKET NO. 11472-U - Application of New Edge Network, Inc. for a Certificate of Authority to Provide Competitive Local Exchange Services.

Certificate No. L-0168

Approved: 12/21/99

Issued: JAN 07 2000

BY THE COMMISSION:

I. BACKGROUND

New Edge Network, Inc. (hereinafter referred to as "the Applicant" or "the Company") on October 28,1999, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 46-5-163(b), filed with the Georgia Public Service Commission (hereinafter referred to as "the Commission") an application for a Certificate of Authority to Provide Competitive Local Exchange Services. In Administrative Session on December 21, 1999, the Commission voted to waive a public hearing on this matter.

In support of its application, New Edge Network, Inc. presented evidence through exhibits and additional materials routinely requested by the Commission Staff. After carefully analyzing all evidence of the record in this case, the Commission makes the following findings of fact and conclusions of law:

II. FINDINGS OF FACT

1. TECHNICAL CAPABILITY.

The Applicant intends to offer local exchange services to residential customers in Georgia. Applicant has demonstrated adequate technical capabilities to implement its business plan through evidence regarding its management team, technical understanding and customer service plans.

2. FINANCIAL CAPABILITY.

The Applicant has demonstrated that it possesses sufficient and adequate financial capability to provide the local telecommunications services for which it is seeking a Certificate of Authority.

III. CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The Commission Staff certifies the record in this docket to the Commission and issues this recommendation pursuant to O.C.G.A. §§ 46-2-58(d) and 50-13-17(a). Based upon the evidence, the Commission Staff finds that the Applicant has shown that it possesses satisfactory financial and technical capability pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 46-5-163(h) in order to be granted an interim certificate, consistent with the Commission's guidelines in its Docket No. 5778-U for the issuance of interim certificates of authority for the provision of local exchange service.

Having reviewed the record and considered this case, the Commission finds and concludes that it should adopt the Commission Staff recommendation as its decision in this docket.

WHEREFORE, it is

ORDERED, that the above numbered certificate be granted to New Edge Network, Inc., whose principal business address is 3000 Columbia House Boulevard, Suite 106, Vancouver, WA 98661, to provide competitive resale and facilities based local exchange telecommunication services.

ORDERED FURTHER, that New Edge Network, Inc. is hereby granted authority to provide local exchange telecommunications services in the exchanges set forth below:

BELLSOUTH EXCHANGES

Acworth Cordele Adairsville Covington Albany Cumming Alpharetta Cusseta Americus Dallas Appling Douglasville Arlington Dublin Athens Duluth Atlanta Eastman Augusta Eatonton Austell Elberton Baconton Fairburn Bainbridge Fayetteville Barnesville Flowery Branch Baxley Forsyth Blackshear Fort Valley Bogart-Statham Franklin Bowdon Gainesville Bremen Gay Brunswick Gibson Buchanan Grantville Buford Greensboro Calhoun Greenville Camilla Griffin Carrollton Hamilton Cartersville Hampton Cave Spring Harlem Cedartown Hazelhurst Chamblee Hephzibah Claxton Hogansville Clermont Jackson Cochran Jekyll Island Colquitt Jesup Columbus Johnson Corner Concord Jonesboro Conyers Kingston Abbeville

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LaGrange Lake Park Lawrenceville Leary Leesburg Lithonia Loganville Louisville Lula Lumber City Lumpkin Luthersville Lyons Macon Madison Marietta McCaysville McDonough Millen Monticello Newman Norcross Palmetto Panola Pelham Pine Mountain Pooler Powder Springs Richland Rockmart Rome Roopville Rossville Roswell

St. Simons Island Sandersville Sardis Savannah Senoia Smithville Smyrna Social Circle Sparks Sparta Stockbridge Stone Mountain Tennille Thomasville Thomson Tifton Tucker Tybee Island Valdosta Vidalia Villa Rica Wadley Warner Robins Warrenton Watkinsville Waycross Waynesboro Woodbury Woodstock Wrens Wrightsville Zebulon

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Royston

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Alamo

Alapaha

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EXCHANGES

ORDERED FURTHER, that pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 46-5-168(b)(2) the certificate granted herein shall be subject to revocation if New Edge Network, Inc. fails to notify the Commission of

any change in its contact address on file with the Commission, fails to comply with Commission requirements or Orders, or violates any applicable law or Commission Rule.

ORDERED FURTHER, that the certificate granted herein shall be issued subject to the conditions and requirements adopted by the Commission in Docket No. 5778-U for certificates of authority, and subject to all other applicable requirements and rules of the Commission.

Quarterly Filing Requirements:

- 1) the number of new and total customers, categorized by customer class and types of service;
- 2) the number, nature and resolution of any complaints, categorized by customer class (and, if applicable, by types of service);
- 3) the number of employees dedicated in Georgia to the local service, categorized by type (e.g., customer service, sales, maintenance, etc.); and
- an explanation of whether the services are being made available through resale or through use of the company's own facilities.

ORDERED FURTHER, that New Edge Network, Inc. must file a tariff to be approved by this Commission which lists rates, terms and conditions prior to provision of service.

ORDERED FURTHER, that the interim certificate is issued subject to the conditions adopted by the Commission in Docket No. 5778-U and subject to all other applicable requirements and rules of the Commission, including, but not limited to Commission requirements regarding prepaid monthly service.

ORDERED FURTHER, that New Edge Network, Inc. shall contribute to the Universal Access Fund as prescribed in Docket No. 5825-U.

ORDERED FURTHER, that the company must comply with the Commission's Order or Orders issued in Docket No. 11400-U, Prevention of Damage To Underground Facilities, and applicable law pertaining to Common Ground best practices for excavation damage prevention when excavating in an area in which underground facilities may be located.

ORDERED FURTHER, that jurisdiction over this matter is expressly retained for the purpose of entering such further Order or Orders as this Commission may deem just and proper.

ORDERED FURTHER, that any motion for reconsideration or rehearing in this case shall not have the effect of staying this Order of Commission, except insofar as the Commission may otherwise provide.

BY ORDER OF THE GEORGIA PUBL of December, 1999.	LIC SERVICE COMMISSION, this 21st day
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Helen O'Leary Executive Secretary	Stan Wise Chairman
Date:	Date:

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