SKJ- Fler

PENDING PETITION MEMO

Date: 7/14/1999

TO : Communications Division

FROM: CENTRAL FILES

UTILITY: SMALL BUSINESS BILLING, INC.

SUBJECT: 99-C-0939

Petition of Small Business Billing, Inc. for an Original Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to resell intrastate inbound and outbound long distance telecommunications service within and throughout the State of New York.

*** HEARINGS REQUIRED - COPY TO CHIEF ALJ ***





COROSTO! OPerations Uru. D.King Chef BrJ

June 23, 1999

New York Public Service Commission Three Empire State Plaza Albany, NY 12223-1350

RE: Application of Corporate Billing Management, Inc for Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to resell intrastate inbound and outbound long distance telecommunications service

To Whom It May Concern:

Enclosed please find the Application of <u>Small Business Billing</u>, Inc. for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to resell intrastate inbound and outbound long distance telecommunications service within and throughout the state of New York. As directed, the application is in triplicate. An additional copy is provided to be stamped as filed and returned to my attention in the enclosed self-addressed, stamped envelope.

Any questions regarding this application should be directed to me at 612-321-9241. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely

Steven C. Clay Attorney for Applicant

Enclosures

Gernow. / and

BEFORE THE NEW YORK PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

)

)

)

)

)

In the Matter of the Application of Small Business Billing, Inc. for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity as a Reseller of Telephone Services Under Section 21.7 of the Rules and Regulations of the New York Public Service Commission

Case No.

ź

APPLICATION OF

SMALL BUSINESS BILLING, INC.

Pursuant to Section 21.7 of the Rules and Regulations of the New York Public Service Commission, Small Business Billing, Inc. (hereinafter "Small Business Billing, Inc." or "Applicant") respectfully requests that the New York Public Service Commission (hereinafter "Commission") grant it a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to provide intrastate inbound and outbound long distance telecommunications service within and throughout the state of New York. This Application submitted by Small Business Billing, Inc. demonstrates:

(a) The Applicant intends to resell the telecommunications facilities of the underlying common carriers Sprint. Applicant is not a facilities-based carrier. Small Business Billing, Inc.'s service will be offered nationwide. Through its service, customers may originate calls nationwide or in other countries for termination in the United States or to other countries.

(b) The full name, address, and telephone number of the applicant is:

Small Business Billing, Inc. 1054 Summit Avenue South Saint Paul, Minnesota 55075 Telephone: (651) 714-7970 (c) Questions concerning this application and tariff should be directed to Steven C.Clay, Applicant's attorney at the following address:

Steven C. Clay & Associates, P.A. 900 Flour Exchange Building 310 Fourth Avenue South Minneapolis, Minnesota 55415 Telephone: (612) 321-9241 Facsimile: (612) 321-9207 Email: sclay@lawx.com

(d) Applicant is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the state of Minnesota. Applicant has applied for a Certificate of Authority to conduct business as a foreign corporation in New York, which application is pending. A copy of Applicant's Minnesota Certificate of Incorporation is attached as Exhibit 1.

(e) A list of Applicant's executive officers, board of directors, and principle shareholders is attached as Exhibit 2.

(f) Applicant is currently authorized to provide long distance service in the following jurisdictions:

1. Indiana

.)

J.

- 2. Virginia
- 3. Colorado
- 4. Iowa
- 5. Montana

(g) Applicant has pending applications to provide long distance service in the following jurisdictions:

- 1. Arkansas
- 2. California
- 3. Idaho
- 4. Illinois
- 5. Indiana
- 6. Kansas
- 7. Kentucky

8. Louisiana

.`

...

- 9. Massachusetts
- 10. Michigan
- 11. Mississippi
- 12. Missouri
- 13. New Jersey
- 14. North Dakota
- 15. Oregon
- 16. Pennsylvania
- 17. Rhode Island
- 18. South Dakota
- 19. Texas
- 20. Utah
- 21. Virginia
- 22. Washington
- 23. Wisconsin
- 24. Wyoming

Applicant has interstate and international long distance service tariffs on file with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC).

(h) Small Business Billing, Inc. markets long distance service to small

businesses. Small Business Billing, Inc. offers switched telecommunications services to its customers, twenty-four (24) hours a day, seven (7) days a week. Applicant markets long distance service through professional, independent telemarketers.

(i) Small Business Billing, Inc. bills customers through agreements with the Regional Bell Operating Companies. Small Business Billing, Inc. will be listed as the long distance service provider on customer bills. The Applicant has retained the services of USBI, a San Antonio, Texas-based customer service and billing clearinghouse, to handle any problems with customer service and billing. USBI provides twenty-four (24) hour customer service, and a toll-free customer service number for USBI will be printed on each customer's bill. USBI is fully authorized to issue credits on behalf of the Applicant to customers where necessary.

(j) Small Business Billing, Inc. does not intend to acquire or construct any facilities for the provision of telecommunications services within New York. Rather, Small Business Billing, Inc. will resell the facilities of other authorized carriers. (k) The public interest, convenience and necessity will be served by the grant of this Application of Small Business Billing, Inc. Through the entry of Small Business Billing, Inc. into the New York market, consumers will benefit from increased availability of a greater variety of long distance telecommunications service options. Applicant purchases long distance services from underlying carriers at a volume discount, which Applicant then resells at a competitive flat rate to small businesses. The public as a whole will benefit from increased competition within the New York long distance service industry. The entry of Small Business Billing, Inc. into the New York market will provide New York small businesses with long distance service options and pricing options not currently offered by other carriers.

WHEREFORE, the Applicant respectfully requests that the Commission grant it a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity authorizing it to resell intrastate inbound and outbound long distance telecommunications service within and throughout the state of New York.

Dated this 24A day of _____ . 1999.

. 1

Respectfully submitted,

Small Business Billing, Inc. 1054 Summit Avenue South Saint Paul, Minnesota 55075

Steven C. Clay, Attorney for Applicant

Steven C. Clay & Associates, P.A. 900 Flour Exchange Building 310 Fourth Avenue South Minneapolis, Minnesota 55415 Telephone: (612) 321-9241 Facsimile: (612) 321-9207 Email: sclay@lawx.com

> New York Public Service Comm'n Small Business Billing, Inc. § 21.7 Application Page 5

EXHIBIT 1

.

-* ...

| .' FILING RE | | | |
|--|--|--------|--|
| | | | |
| ENTITY NAME: SMALL BUSINESS BILLING, 1 | INC. | | |
| DOCUMENT TYPE: APPLICATION AUTHORITY | (FOR. BUSINESS) | | COUNTY: NEWY |
| SERVICE COMPANY: CT CORPORATION SYSTEM | ĩ | SE | RVICE CODE: 07 |
| FILED:02/05/1999 DURATION:PERPETUAL | | | #:990205000331 |
| ADDRESS FOR PROCESS | | | EXIST DATE |
| | | | |
| C/O C T CORPORATION SYSTEM 1633 BROADWAY | · | | 02/05/1999 |
| NEW YORK, NY 10019 | | | |
| REGISTERED AGENT | | • | |
| NEW YORK, NY 10019 | NEW TOP | | |
| | | | |
| FILER | -===================================== | 250.00 | PAYMENTS 250. |
| FILER STEVE CLAY 310 FOURTH AVENUE SOUTH STE 900 | | 225.00 | CASH : 0. CHECK : 250. CHARGE : 0. |

—

| | | | | | | Same 11 | |
|-----------|--------------------------------------|--|-----------------------|------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|--------------|
| 102 | | STATE OF MINNESOT SECRETARY OF STAT | | | STATE OF | 0\S1 MINNESOTA | 7 |
| 314 | | ARTICLES OF INCOR | — | 7 | DEPARTMI | NT OF STATE | |
| | | | | | | ILED | |
| | | Business and Nonprofi | • | ns | JUN | 0 3 1998 | |
| | | tions on the reverse side before comp | | ll information (| on this form is p Secret | ublic information. | N |
| TO EX | PEDITE THE | RETURN OF YOUR DOCUMENTS | , PLEASE SUBMT | Γ A STAMPEI | D, SELF-ADDR | ESSED ENVELOPE | 2 |
| | | ncorporator(s) is an (are)individua m a (mark ONLY one): | al(s) 18 years of | age or older | and adopt the | following articles | s of |
| | | | pter 302A) | | CORPORATIO | ON (Chapter 317A) | |
| The na | ame of the c | orporation is: | , | | | | |
| | 5MA | L BUSINESS BI | ILLING, | INC, | • | | m |
| | ss Corporation 1 of those words.) | names must include a corporate designatio | n such as Incorporate | d, Corporation, | Company, Limite | d or an abbreviation | |
| The re | gistered offic | ARTICLE II REGISTER re address of the corporation is: | ED OFFICE AD | ORESS AND | AGENT | | |
| | 1186 | Roce Auguir | S. | PAUL. | Mar | SCIN | \checkmark |
| () | | NO33 AVENUE | | | 700 | 55106 | |
| (A tong | Nete Succi audi | ress or rural route and rural route box nur | nber is required: the | address cannot | be a P.U. Box) C | ity State Z | .1 P |
| ۱ | | nt at the above address is: uired to have a registered agent.) | Name | | | | |
| | | ARTIC | LE III SHARE | S · | | | |
| | ▲ | authorized to issue a total of | 100,000 | 2 sha | | | |
| (If you a | are a business | corporation you must authorize at lea | ast one share. Non | profit corporat | ions are not requ | ured to have share | s.) |
| | | ARTICLE IV | INCORPORA | TORS | | | |
| (We), t | he undersigned | incorporator(s) certify that I am (we are) | | | nd that the inform | nation in these article | 5 |
| | | e) also understand that if any of this info | | | | - | 1 |
| | | l these articles under oath. (Provide the n n an additional sheet if you have more th | | | r. Each incorpora | tor must sign below. | 1 |
| _ | | - | | - | ĥ | -1002 | 111 |
| Den | ise L, Pe | st-tit 1186 Ross Ave. | St. Paul | MW 551 | 06 Jen | isex-le | the |
| Name | | Street | City | State Zip | | Signature | • |
| Name | | Street | City | State Zip | | Signature | |
| | | ustrial Classification Code (SIC) that n it SIC Codes listed on the backside of | | cribes the natu | re of the busine | s of this corporation | n. |
| Print na | me and phone | e number of person to be contacted if | - | | | | |
| . but an | A - H | Jim | Holshou | SC | 612-7 | 798-117.3 | |
| 52 | 8461 | Name | | 0 | | Phone Number | r |

,

03930254 Rev. 05/93

state of Minnesota

SECRETARY OF STATE

CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION

I, Joan Anderson Growe, Secretary of State of Minnesota, do certify that: Articles of Incorporation, duly signed and acknowledged under oath, have been filed on this date in the Office of the Secretary of State, for the incorporation of the following corporation, under and in accordance with the provisions of the chapter of Minnesota Statutes listed below.

This corporation is now legally organized under the laws of Minnesota.

Corporate Name: Small Business Billing, Inc.

Corporate Charter Number: 10E-314

Chapter Formed Under: 302A

This certificate has been issued on 06/03/1998.



No.

oan anderson Secretary of State.

XXXXXXX

EXHIBIT 2

• • • • •

President

. •

. _

Denise Pettit 1054 Summit Avenue South Saint Paul, MN 55075

Director

Denise Pettit 1054 Summit Avenue South Saint Paul, MN 55075

Sole Shareholder

Denise Pettit 1054 Summit Avenue South Saint Paul, MN 55075 EXHIBIT 3

. •

. •

٠.

Small Business Billing, inc. Forecasted Balance Sheet

1999

ASSETS

| TOTAL ASSETS | <u></u> | \$530,870,00 |
|---|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| TOTAL Other Assets | ********** | 33,000.00 |
| ACCUM AMRT-GOODWILL | (17,000.00) | |
| GOODWILL | 50,000.00 | |
| Other Assets: | | |
| TOTAL Fixed Assets | | 134,770.00 |
| • | (20,000.00) | |
| ACCUM DEPREC-EQUIP SALE | (4,600.00) (28,000.00) | |
| ACCUM DEPREC-EQUIP | (1,400.00) | |
| ACCUM DEPREC-TLPIIN EQPMNT | (2,000.00) | |
| ACCUM DEPREC-FURN & FIX | 130,000.00 | |
| TELEPHONE EQUIPMENT-SALES | 470.00 | |
| COMPUTER EQUIPMENT-UBD | 24,000.00 | |
| COMPUTER EQUIPMENT | 5,300.00 | |
| TELEPHONE EQUIPMENT | 11,000.00 | |
| Fixed Assets: FURNITURE AND FIXTURES | | |
| | | \$2 \$ 2,100,0 |
| TOTAL Current Assets | 47442548444444 | \$363,100,0 |
| DEPOSITS | 1,500.00 | |
| PREPAID INSURANCE | 2,400.00 | |
| OTHER RECEIVABLES | 60,000.00 | |
| NOTES RECEIVABLE-CURRENT | 4,200.00 | |
| ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE | 150,000,00 | |
| CASH-SAVINGS | 50,000,00 | |
| CASH-NORWEST CHECKING | \$95,000.00 | |
| | | |

.'

Small Business Billing, Inc. Forecasted Balance Sheet

1999

LIABILITIES

| Current Liabilities: | |
|----------------------------|---|
| ACCOUNTS PAYABLE | \$100,700.00 |
| A/P - SUB-AGENTS | 29,900.00 |
| NOTES PAYABLE-QAI 2 | 2,200,00 |
| WAGES PAYABLE | 46,009.00 |
| FEDERAL W/H PAYABLE | 4,500.00 |
| FICA PAYABLE | 7,700.00 |
| MEDICARE PAYABLE | 1,750.00 |
| CHILD SUPPORT W/II PAYABLE | 460,00 |
| SUTA PAYABLE | 186.00 |
| FUTA PAYABLE | 1,300.00 |
| HEALTH INSURANCE PAYBLE | 2,700.00 |
| OTHER PAYROLL W/H | 6,067.00 |
| ACCRUED INCOME TAX | 122.00 |
| OTHER ACCRUED EXPENSES | 476.00 |
| | مان چې چې چې چې د مان چې چې چې چې د مان مان وال |
| TOTAL Current Liabilities | |

\$205,870.00

TOTAL LIABILITIES

_ _

\$203,170.00

CAPIT'AL

| COMMON STOCK | 250.00 | |
|-----------------------------|-------------|---|
| ADDTNL PAID IN CAPITAL | 750.00 | |
| RETAINED EARNINGS | 10,000.00 | |
| Year-to-Date Earnings | 314,000.00 | |
| | | |
| τοται capital | \$325,000.0 | 0 |
| | | |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES & CAPITAL | \$530,870.0 | 0 |

.

.'

Small Business Billing, Inc. Forecasted income Statement

٦

| | | Vear Ended December 31, 1999 |
|---|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| | Income | |
| | SALES-LONG DISTANCE/QAI | \$2,927,906.00 |
| | SALES-CORP SRVC/CENTRAL CORP | 36,008.20 |
| | SALES-LONG DISTANCE/RSL/LDM | 1,251,217.00 |
| | WEB PAGE SALES/CYBER LONG DIST | 2,340.00 |
| | REFUNDS & ALLOWANCES | (4,034,05) |
| | OTHER INCOME | 111,36 |
| | TOTAL Income | 4,213,548.51 |
| | | |
| | Operating Expenses | |
| | SUB-AGENT PAYMENTS | 7 617 049 20 |
| | TELEPHONE | 2,627,058.30 82,824.10 |
| | FREIGHT OUT | 177.05 |
| | VERIFICATION COSTS-CEI | 127,946.85 |
| | VERIFICATION COSTS-S/A | 69.258.60 |
| | SALES COMMISSIONS | 508,497,15 |
| | PAYROLL TAXES (SALES) | 5,631,57 |
| | FICA | 22,300.61 |
| | MEDICARE | 5.215.52 |
| | FUTA | 2,260.97 |
| | SUTA | 1,790,12 |
| | HEALTH | 2.281.04 |
| | LIFE | 334.34 |
| | WORKER'S COMPENSATION | 733.61 |
| | DENTAL | 1,376.53 |
| | RENT-SALES AREA | 28,120.68 |
| | DEPRECIATION EXPENSE | 4,459.70 |
| | EQUIPMENT LEASE | 735.76 |
| | TELEPHONE | 65.27 |
| | TEMPORARY HELP | 1,200.00 |
|) | TOTAL Operating Exponses | 3,492,267.77 |
| | GROSS PROFIL | 721,280,74 |

.

- 4

_*

Small Business Billing, Inc. Forecasted Income Statement

| | Year Ended December 31, 1999 |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| General/Administrative Expenses | |
| GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE | 817.60 |
| OFFICE SALARIES | 193,566.32 |
| PAYROLL TAXES (OFFICE) | 3,167.77 |
| FICA | 9,962.61 |
| MEDICARE | 2.329.97 |
| FUTA | 358.94 |
| SUTA | 576,48 |
| HEALTH | 12,852,18 |
| LIFE | 239.95 |
| DENTAL | 2,265,51 |
| RENT-OFFICE | 14,885,13 |
| RENT-PARKING | 5.681.50 |
| ABANDON PROJECTS | 90.00 |
| ADVERTISING | 550,94 |
| AMORTIZATION EXPENSE | 2,976.15 |
| AUTO EXPENSES | 2,700.00 |
| BANK CHARGES | 908,71 |
| BEVERAGE SUPPLIES | 687.00 |
| DATA PROCESSING | 1.782.25 |
| DEPRECIATION EXPENSES | 13,397.25 |
| DUES AND SUBSCRIPTIONS | (294.79) |
| EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION | 2,454,33 |
| EMPLOYEE RECRUITMENT | 1.883.22 |
| MEALS AND TICKETS | 175.05 |
| OTHER | 147,94 |
| EQUIPMENT RENTAL | 3993.72 |
| FILING FEE | 1,145.36 |
| INTEREST EXPENSE | 6,440.25 |
| INSURANCE-BUSINESS | 874.71 |
| INSURANCE-WORKERS COMP | 2,027.46 |
| LICENSES AND FEES | 535.16 |
| MEETING EXPENSE | 131.00 |
| MISCELLANEOUS | 7.02 |
| OFFICE SUPPLIES | 6,670.55 |
| PENALTIES | 1,805.32 |
| POSTAGE AND DELIVERIES | 2,386.46 |
| PRINTING | 37.15 |
| PROFESSIONAL SERVICES | 71,101,16 |
| ACCOUNTING | 11,190.60 |
| ATTORNEY | 44,385.50 |
| REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE | 295.02 |
| REPAIRS & MAINT -EQUIPMENT | 13,350,00 |

•

_1

Small Business Billing, Inc. Forecasted Income Statement

Year Ended December 31, 1999

| SUPPLIES | 1,470.42 |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| TELEPHONE | (4,657.85) |
| TEMPORARY HELP | 2,243.63 |
| TRAVEL | 10,767.90 |
| TRAINING | 5,339.30 |
| UTILITIES | 7,242.68 |
| TOTAL General/Administrative Expenses | |
| | 462,944.53 |
| OPERATING PROFIT | 258,336.21 |
| Other Income & Expenses | |
| RENTAL INCOME | 64,750.00 |
| INTEREST INCOME | 2,684.47 |
| VENDING MACHINE INCOME | 132.20 |
| TOTAL Other Income & Expenses | 67,566.67 |
| PROFIT BEFORE TAXES | 325,902,88 |
| | ******** |
| Provisions für Taxes | |
| INCOME TAX EXPENSE | 902.88 |
| | 2 4 4 5 9 6 8 6 6 6 4 |
| TOTAL Provisions for Taxes | 902.88 |
| | ب سبب بنه ن با بنه با |
| NET PROFIT | \$325,000.00 |
| | |