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VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS

Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
Attention: Docketing Division
180 East Broad Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793

03-510-CT ZCO

Re: Form 563 ZCO Registration - Evercom Systems, Inc.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Enclosed for filing are an original and ten (10) copies of a 563 Registration Form for a Change in Ownership (ZCO) for Evercom Systems, Inc. The transaction closed today, February 19, 2003. The Form 563 is being sent as soon as practicable in light of a major East Coast snowstorm.

An extra copy of this filing is enclosed to be stamped "filed" or "received" and returned in the enclosed self-addressed, stamped envelope.

If there are any questions on this matter, please contact the undersigned counsel.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul C. Besozzi

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Enclosures

cc: Sandra L. Skogen, Esq.

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PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

PUBLIC COMPETITIVE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE PROVIDER
563 REGISTRATION FORM
ISSUED: December 21, 1995

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REGISTRATION DIV

In the Matter of the Application of
Evercom Systems, Inc.

Case No 03-510-CTZCO
~~99-402-CT-26N~~

Name of Registrant Evercom Systems, Inc.
Registrant's Address 8201 TriStar Drive, Irving, Texas 75063
Contact Person Paul G. Beozzi (Phone - 202-457-5292)
Date February 18, 2003 TRF Docket No. -CT-TRF

I. Indicate the reason for submitting this form (check only one) (NOTES: 1. If a waiver is filed in conjunction with an automatic case, see I.D.2.b. of the 563 guidelines for the applicable automatic time frame; and 2. The number of copies noted below must be accompanied by an original filing. Facsimiles are not acceptable.):

- 1. (ABN) Withdrawal or Abandonment of all Services (14-day notice, 13 copies)
- 2. (ACE) New Operating Authority (30-day approval, 10 copies)
 - IXC AOS CAP Cellular Paging
 - Other _____
- 3. (AMT) Merger (14-day notice, 13 copies)
- 4. (ATR) Transfer or Transaction Affecting Operating Authority (14-day notice, 7 copies)
- 5. (ARJ) All Other Requests for Relief from Jurisdiction (NOT automatic, 10 copies)
- 6. (MTW) "Me Too" Waiver (30-day approval, 10 copies)
- 7. (RRJ) Interexchange Switchless Rebiller Request for Relief from Jurisdiction (30-day approval, 10 copies)
- 8. (WVR) Request for Waiver from Portion(s) of 563 pursuant to LD.3. of the 563 guidelines. (NOT automatic, 10 copies)
- 9. (ZAC) Contract (0-day notice, 10 copies)
- 10. (ZCN) Change of Name (0-day notice, 10 copies)
- 11. (ZCO) Change in Ownership (0-day notice, 10 copies)
- 12. (ZTA) Introduction of new tariffed service(s), textual revision, correction of error, addition of service area(s), etc. (0-day notice, 10 copies)
- 13. (UNC) Unclassified (explain) _____ (NOT automatic, 10 copies)
- 14. Other (explain) _____ (NOT automatic, 10 copies)

THE FOLLOWING ARE TRF FILINGS ONLY, NOT NEW CASES (0-day notice, 3 copies)

- 15. Introduction or Extension of Promotional Offering
- 16. New Price List Rate for Existing Service.
- 17. Designation of Registrant's Process Agent(s)

II. Indicate which of the following exhibits have been filed. The numbers (corresponding to the list above) indicate, at a minimum, the types of cases in which the exhibit is required:

- A copy of registrant's proposed informational tariff. (2)
- Statement affirming that the registrant has notified the Ohio Department of Taxation of its intent to conduct operations as a telephone utility in the State of Ohio. (2)
- List of names, addresses, and phone numbers of officers and directors, or partners. (2-4)
- Brief description of service(s) proposed, as well as the targeted market(s). (2)
- Copy of tariff sheet(s) & price list(s) superseded, marked as Exhibit A. (1,3-4,6, 8,10,12-16)

- Copy of revised tariff sheets & price lists, marked as Exhibit B. (1,3-4,6,8,10,12-16)
- If increase to residential MTS, DA, or traditional operator surcharges, specify which commission procedure will be utilized: _____ real time; or _____ annual. (12, 16)
- Copy of real time notice which has been provided to customers. (1,3,10-12,16)
- Copy of annual notice which will be sent to customers is: _____ included with this filing; or will be filed with the Commission _____ (month) _____ (year). (16)
- Description of and rationale for proposed tariff changes, including a complete description of the service(s) proposed or affected. Specify for each service affected whether it is business _____, residence _____, or both _____ as well as whether it is a switched _____ or dedicated _____ service. Include this information in either the cover letter or label as "Exhibit C". (3,6,8,12-15)
- Delineation of any deaveraged message toll service, if applicable. (6, 12-16)
- Statement explaining rationale for proposal. (1,3-5,10-11)
- List of Ohio counties specifically involved or affected (1-6,8,10,16)
- Certification from Ohio Secretary of State as to party's proper standing (domestic or foreign corporation, authorized use of fictitious name, etc.). (2-4,7,10) (In transfer of certificate cases, the transferee's good standing must be established).
- Justification for waiver of specific element(s) of 563. (6,8)
- Responses to questions contained in Appendix A, Attachment 4 to the 563 guidelines (7)
- For radio common carriers, a statement affirming that registrant has obtained all necessary federal authority to conduct operations being proposed, and that copies have been furnished by cellular, paging, and mobile companies to this Commission of any Form 401, 463, and/or 489 which the applicant has filed with the Federal Communications Commission. (2-4)
- Other information requested by the Commission staff.

III Registrant hereby attests to its compliance with the following requirements in the Service Requirements Form, as well as all pertinent entries and orders issued by the Commission with respect to these issues. Further, registrant hereby affirms that it will maintain with its TRF docket an up-to-date, properly marked, copy of the Service Requirements Form available for public inspection.

Mandatory requirements for all CTS providers:

- Sales tax
- Deposits

Service requirements for CTS providers of certain services (check all applicable):

- Discounts for Persons with Communication Disabilities and the Telecommunication Relay Service
- Emergency Services Calling Plan
- Alternative Operator Service (AOS) requirements
- Limitation of Liability
- Termination Liability Language

IV List names, titles, and addresses of those persons authorized to make and/or verify filings at the Commission on behalf of the registrant:

Sandra L. Skogen, Keith Kelson

NOTE: An annual report is required to be filed with the Commission by each company on an annual basis. The annual report form will be sent for completion to the address and individual(s) identified in this Section unless another address or individual is so indicated.

VERIFICATION

I, Sandra Skogen, VP + General Counsel verify that I have utilized, verbatim, the Commission's 563 Registration Form issued December 21, 1995 and that all of the information submitted here, and all additional information submitted in connection with Case No. 99-402-CT-2CN is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Sandra Skogen
(Signature)*

2/18/03
(Date)

A verification is required for every filing. It may be signed by counsel or a process agent designated by the Registrant, except that initial certification cases (ACE) must be signed by an officer of the registering entity.

Send your completed Registration Form, including all required attachments as well as the required number of copies, to:

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Columbus, OH 43215-3793

EXHIBIT A

There are no tariff sheet(s) & price list(s) superceded.

EXHIBIT B

There are no revised tariff sheets & price lists.

NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS

Evercom System, Inc.'s customers are being notified that Evercom, Inc. has entered into an Exchange Offer with certain noteholders whereby the noteholders will hold a 98% equity interest in EI Merger Holdings, Inc., which in turn will hold 100% of the equity of Evercom, Inc. which will continue to hold 100% of the equity of Evercom Systems, Inc. There shall be no change in the terms or conditions of the provisions of service by Evercom Systems, Inc. or the management of Evercom Systems, Inc. The change will be totally transparent to the customers.

EXHIBIT C

There are no proposed tariff changes.

DEAVERAGED MESSAGE TOLL SERVICE

There is no deaveraged message toll service.

RATIONALE FOR PROPOSAL

Evercom, Inc., immediate parent of the registered entity Evercom Systems, Inc., has completed an Exchange Offer whereby it will become a wholly-owned subsidiary of EI Merger Holdings, Inc. EI Merger Holdings, Inc. will be 98% owned by former noteholders of Evercom, Inc. There will be no change in the relationship between Evercom, Inc. and Evercom Systems, Inc. There will be no change in the terms or conditions of service provided by Evercom Systems, Inc. There will be no change in the management thereof. The transaction will be wholly-transparent to customers of Evercom Systems, Inc.