

## Exhibit A – Articles of Incorporation

SECRETARY OF STATE  
STATE OF MONTANA  
LINDA McCULLOCH



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BLACKFOOT TELECOMMUNICATIONS GROUP  
ATTN MARILEE KLAUDT  
1221 N RUSSELL ST  
MISSOULA MT 59808

Date: January 23, 2013

RE: BLACKFOOT COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

Dear Ms. Klaudt:

We have fulfilled your request for the following item for the above named entity:

Certified Copies

Please find enclosed the Articles of Incorporation for MONTANA WIRELESS, INC. An amendment to change the name was filed December 29, 2003.

Thank you for giving this office the opportunity to serve you. If you have any questions regarding the material you were sent or need additional assistance, please do not hesitate to contact the Business Services professionals at (406)444-4273.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Linda McCulloch".

Linda McCulloch  
Montana Secretary of State

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SECRETARY OF STATE  
STATE OF MONTANA



Mike Cooney  
Secretary of State

Montana State Capitol  
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February 2, 1995

Earl Owens  
BTC Holdings, Inc.  
1221 N Russell  
Missoula MT 59802

RE: MONTANA WIRELESS, INC.  
Date of Filing: January 27, 1995  
Filing Number: D081760-332557

Dear Mr. Owens:

Attached please find a copy of the documents you recently filed with this office. The document number and filing date have been recorded on the copy I've attached. These documents serve as your certificate of filing and should be maintained in your files for future reference.

Thank you for giving this office the opportunity to serve you. If you have any questions in this regard, or need additional assistance, please do not hesitate to contact the Business Services Bureau professionals at (406) 444-3665....we're here to serve you!

Sincerely,

Enclosure

Reception: (406) 444-2034 - Business Services Bureau: 444-3665 - Elections Bureau: 444-4732  
Administrative Rules Bureau: 444-2055 - Records Management Bureau (1320 Bozeman Avenue): 444-2716  
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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
OF  
MONTANA WIRELESS, INC.

A Montana Corporation

STATE OF MONTANA

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SECRETARY OF STATE

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Executed by the undersigned persons of legal age, for the purpose of forming a Montana Corporation pursuant to and in conformity with Title 35, Chapter 1, Montana Code Annotated.

ARTICLE I.

Name. The Name of the Corporation is MONTANA WIRELESS, INC.

ARTICLE II.

Period of Existence. The period of existence shall be perpetual.

ARTICLE III.

Purpose. The purpose of the Corporation shall be to own, operate, obtain by contract, and otherwise acquire license(s) for the provision of a medium of telecommunication services known as "personal communication services" to the general public and the transaction of any and all lawful business for which corporations may be incorporated under Title 35, Chapter 1 of the Montana Code Annotated, including, but not limited to:

- a. Acquiring and taking over as a going concern and thereafter carrying on the business of any person, firm or corporation engaged in any business which this corporation is authorized to carry on, and in connection therewith, to acquire the goodwill and all or any of the assets, and assume or otherwise provide for all or any of the liabilities of any such business.
- b. Borrowing for its corporate purposes and to make, accept, endorse, execute, and issue promissory notes, bills of exchange, bonds, debentures, or other obligations from time to time for the purchase of property or for any purpose in or about the business of the corporation, and, if deemed proper, to secure the payment of any such obligation by mortgage, pledge, deed of trust, or otherwise.
- c. Contracting with any persons, firms or corporations, private or public, and to carry out and fulfill contracts of every sort and kind, and to purchase, lease or otherwise acquire any and all rights and privileges, convenient and profitable, in connection with the corporate purposes and corporate business herein stated.
- d. The performance of everything necessary, suitable or proper for the accomplishment of any of the purposes, the attainment of any of the objects, or the furtherance of any powers previously set forth, either

alone or in connection with other corporations, firms or individuals and either as principal or agent and to do every other act or acts, thing or things incidental, pertinent to, growing out of, or in connection with these purposes, or powers.

- e. To establish, market, operate, maintain and provide any and all telecommunication services authorized by the Federal Communication Commission pursuant to rules promulgated under the provisions of 47 CFR 24.

The several clauses contained in Article III of this document shall be construed as both powers and purposes and the statements contained in each clause shall in no way be limited or restricted by reference to, or inference from, the terms of any other clause, but shall be regarded as independent purposes and powers. ~~No recitation, expression, or declaration~~ of specific or special powers or purposes shall be deemed to be exclusive. The Corporation shall expressly have all other lawful powers not inconsistent with these Articles of Incorporation or the laws of the State of Montana.

ARTICLE IV.

Stock. The Corporation shall be authorized to issue one (1) class of fifty thousand (50,000) shares of no par value common stock.

ARTICLE V.

Directors. The number of Directors shall initially be five (5) and may, from time to time, be changed by an amendment of the ByLaws. No decrease in the number of Directors shall have the effect of shortening the terms of any incumbent Director. The names and addresses of the persons who are to serve as Directors until the first annual meeting of Shareholders, or until their successors are elected and shall qualify are:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
Earl Owens	Upper Miller Creek Rd., Missoula, MT
William Nelson	Box 348, Greenough, MT
Walter Delaney	370 Leon Road, St. Ignatius, MT
Daniel Seery	Drawer 520, St. Ignatius, MT
James Couture	981 N. Couture Loop, Arlee MT

ARTICLE VI.

Incorporator. The name and address of the Incorporator is BTC Holdings, Inc., 1221 North Russell, Missoula, Montana 59802.

ARTICLE VII.

Principal Office. The principal office of the Corporation shall be located at 1221 North Russell, Missoula, Montana 59802. The name of its initial registered agent is Earl Owens, of the same address, which is the registered office of the Corporation.

ARTICLE VIII.

Shareholder Rights. The Shareholders, by appropriate ByLaw or Shareholders' Agreement, may enforce restrictions on the issuance and the transfer of the corporate stock of this Corporation and may authorize the Board of Directors of this Corporation to have complete power to sell, assign, transfer, pledge, mortgage, or otherwise encumber or otherwise deal with or manage any and all assets of the Corporation.

ARTICLE IX.

Amendment. The Articles of Incorporation may not be amended except by the affirmative vote of Shareholders owning two-thirds of the shares entitled to a vote upon the amendment.

26<sup>th</sup> IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my signature this day of January, 1995.

BTC HOLDINGS, INC.

By: William J. Nelson  
President

STATE OF MONTANA )  
: ss.  
County of Missoula )

I, the undersigned, a Notary Public for the State of Montana, hereby certify that on the 26 day of January, 1995, personally appeared before me WILLIAM J. NELSON who, by me first duly sworn, declared that he is the PRESIDENT of BTC HOLDINGS, INC., the Corporation which signed the foregoing Articles as Incorporator; that he signed the said Articles for and on behalf of BTC HOLDINGS, INC., and that the statements therein contained are true.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year first above written.

F. Gary Wapenig  
Notary Public for the State of Montana  
Residing at: MISSOULA, MONTANA  
My Commission Expires: MAY 10, 1998



**STATE OF MONTANA**

Office of the Secretary of State  
I hereby certify this is a true and  
correct copy, consisting of 4 pages,  
as taken from the original on file in this  
office. Originality of this certification can  
be determined by the color blue.

DATED: 1-23-13

BY: Jane DeLoe  
Deputy

Linda McCulloch  
Linda McCulloch  
Secretary of State

Utah  
Department of Commerce  
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Cardholder Name: MARILEE KLAUDT

Billing Zip Code: 59808

To Be Received To: BLACKFOOT TELECOM

Contact Name: MARILEE KLAUDT

Contact Phone #: 406-541-5111

Contact email: MKLAUDT@BLACKFOOT.COM

Please Expedite This Filing (Additional \$75.00):  Yes  No  
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State of Utah  
Department of Commerce  
Division of Corporations & Commercial Code  
Application for Authority to Conduct Affairs for a Foreign Corporation

A certification of Good Standing/Existence from the State of Incorporation dated no earlier than ninety (90) days prior to filing with this office is attached to this application.

Non-Refundable Processing Fee: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Profit \$70.00		<input type="checkbox"/> Nonprofit \$30.00	
1. Exact Corporate Name: BLACKFOOT COMMUNICATIONS, INC.		3. Date Incorporated: 01/27/1995	
2. A corporation of the state of: MONTANA		4. The corporation's period of duration is: PERPETUAL (usually perpetual)	
5. The address of the corporation's principal office is:		1221 N. RUSSELL Street Address Line 1 Street Address Line 2 City MISSOULA State MT Zip 59808-1805	
6. Who/What is the name of the Registered Agent (Individual or Business Entity or Commercial Registered Agent)? C T CORPORATION SYSTEM			
The address must be listed if you have a non-commercial registered agent.		What is a commercial registered agent?	
Address of the Registered Agent: 1108 EAST SOUTH UNION AVE Utah Street Address Required, PO Boxes can be listed after the Street Address City: MIDVALE State UT Zip: 84047			
7. If the name is not available in Utah the corporation shall use as it's name: (Please refer to (U.C.A. 16-10a-1506))			
8. The corporation commenced or intends to commence business in Utah on: UPON FILING			
9. The names and addresses of the corporation's officers and directors are:			
Position:	Name	Address	City State Zip
President	SEE EXHIBIT A ATTACHED		
Vice-President			
Secretary			
Treasurer			
Director			
Director			
Director			
Other			
10. The business purposes to be pursued in Utah are: TELECOMMUNICATIONS & BROADBAND SERVICES			
Under penalties of perjury, I declare that this application for Certificate of Authority has been examined by me and is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, correct and complete.			
Authorized Signer Signature: <i>[Signature]</i>		Title: VP-General Counsel & Asst. Sec.	
Optional Inclusion of Ownership Information: This information is not required.			
Is this a female owned business? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No			
Is this a minority owned business? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No If yes, please specify: Select/Type the race of the owner here			
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Mailing/Faxing Information: www.corporations.utah.gov/contactus.html Division's Website: www.corporations.utah.gov

State of Utah  
Department of Commerce  
Division of Corporations and Commercial Code  
I hereby certify that the foregoing has been filed and approved on this 24 day of Jan 2015 in this office of this Division and hereby issue this Certificate thereof.



Director: *[Signature]* Date: 2/4/15  
Kathy Berg  
Division Director

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# EXHIBIT A

## Officers and Directors of the Corporation

<u>Office</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
President	Tom Eggensperger	1221 N. Russell St., Missoula, MT 59808
Vice President	Geoffrey Wilson	1221 N. Russell St., Missoula, MT 59808
Secretary/Treasurer	Cynthia Lewis	1221 N. Russell St., Missoula, MT 59808
CFO & Asst. Treasurer	Stacey Mueller	1221 N. Russell St., Missoula, MT 59808
VP General Counsel & Asst. Secretary	Jason Williams	1221 N. Russell St., Missoula, MT 59808
Director	Leslie Iverson	1221 N. Russell St., Missoula, MT 59808
Director	Ross Friede	1221 N. Russell St., Missoula, MT 59808
Director	Jim Newberg	1221 N. Russell St., Missoula, MT 59808
Director	Stuart Morton	1221 N. Russell St., Missoula, MT 59808
Director	Tom Eggensperger	1221 N. Russell St., Missoula, MT 59808
Director	Geoffrey Wilson	1221 N. Russell St., Missoula, MT 59808
Director	Jim Blush	1221 N. Russell St., Missoula, MT 59808
Director	Cynthia Lewis	1221 N. Russell St., Missoula, MT 59808
Director	John Teague	1221 N. Russell St., Missoula, MT 59808

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