

CLEC STRATEGIES, INC.
CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS
IXC / Resale, OSP and Debit Card Summary

ALABAMA

Avg. Certification Time: 4 months
Filing Fee: N/A
Additional Notes: Certification and tariff are required. Hearing required, local counsel is optional. Client may self-represent but may not use out-of-state counsel or non-attorney outside party.

ALASKA

Avg. Certification Time: 1 Year
Filing Fee: N/A
Additional Notes: Certification and tariff are required. All applicants must address routing of intrastate traffic over intrastate facilities. Bond for debit card service will be required.

ARIZONA

Avg. Certification Time: 1 Year
Filing Fee: N/A
Additional Notes: Certification and tariff are required. OSP and 1+ resellers may operate while application is pending. Separate application required for operator services. Bond for debit card service will be required.

ARKANSAS

Avg. Certification Time: 4 Months
Filing Fee: \$200.00
Additional Notes: Certification and tariff are required. Fines and/or refunds may be required for pre-certification traffic. Operating without authority has been considered grounds for denying certification.

CALIFORNIA

Avg. Certification Time: 2 Months
Filing Fee: \$75.00
Additional Notes: Certification required and tariff may be waived. (Quote includes tariff). Process can take as little as 1 1/2 months if all financial conditions are met. Switched based resellers must have \$75K in cash or cash equivalent; switchless \$25K; multi-state switch-based is case by case.

COLORADO

Avg. Certification Time: 3 Months
Filing Fee: N/A
Additional Notes: Registration, but no tariff, is required for 1+ resellers. OSPs require certification and tariffing. Debit card deregulated.

CONNECTICUT

Avg. Certification Time: 3 - 6 Months
Filing Fee: \$1,000.00
Additional Notes: Certification and tariff are required. Extensive data requests and cost information required. Operator services and directory assistance not allowed.

DELAWARE

Avg. Certification Time: 2 Months
Filing Fee: \$750.00
Additional Notes: Certification and tariff are required. Application requires audited financial statements. Publication in newspapers required. Bond may be required if assets are less than \$250K.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Avg. Certification Time: N/A
Filing Fee: N/A
Additional Notes: Not applicable - all calling within DC is local.

FLORIDA

Avg. Certification Time: 4 Months
Filing Fee: \$250.00
Additional Notes: Certification and tariff are required. Florida will find companies who carry traffic in advance of certification.

GEORGIA

Avg. Certification Time: 6 Months
Filing Fee: N/A
Additional Notes: All intra-county calls must be rated as if local and MTS 0-22 mile calls must be zero-rated. Separate applications and tariffs required for OSP/IXCs/inmate service providers.

HAWAII

Avg. Certification Time: 1 Month
Filing Fee: N/A
Additional Notes: Certification and tariff are required. No hearing is required.

IDAHO

Avg. Certification Time: 2 Weeks
Filing Fee: N/A
Additional Notes: Registration and tariff are required.

ILLINOIS

Avg. Certification Time: 3 - 4 Months
Filing Fee: N/A
Additional Notes: Certification, tariff and prefiled testimony are required. A routine form of hearing is required. Hearing officers usually allow a hearing via telephone conference call without an attorney.

INDIANA

Avg. Certification Time: 1 Week for 1+; 2-3 months for OSP
Filing Fee: N/A
Additional Notes: Certification, but no tariff, is required for 1+. Certification and tariff are required for OSPs. OSP applications require local counsel and mailing to extensive service list.

IOWA

Avg. Certification Time: 0 Days
Filing Fee: N/A
Additional Notes: Deregulated for resale unless more than half the intrastate revenue is derived for OSP traffic to aggregator locations.

KANSAS

Avg. Certification Time: 4 Months
Filing Fee: N/A
Additional Notes: Certification and tariff are required. State has been known to require full refund for precertification revenues.

KENTUCKY

Avg. Certification Time: 1 Month
Filing Fee: N/A
Additional Notes: Registration and tariff are required. Tariff is effective on 30 days notice.

LOUISIANA

Avg. Certification Time: 1 - 3 Months
Filing Fee: \$250.00
Additional Notes: Certification and tariff are required. Bond for debit card service will be required.

MAINE

Avg. Certification Time: 1 - 2 Months
Filing Fee: N/A
Additional Notes: Certification and tariff are required. Application is standardized.

MARYLAND

Avg. Certification Time: 2 Months
Filing Fee: N/A
Additional Notes: Certification and tariff are required. Staff analysis of financials is detailed and highly critical. Staff will not recommend approval of applicants with weak financials.

MASSACHUSETTS

Avg. Certification Time: 1 Month
Filing Fee: \$25.00 +
Additional Notes: A certificate is no longer required, but a registration and tariff must be filed and approved. Tariff effective on 30 days notice.

MICHIGAN

Avg. Certification Time: 0 Days
Filing Fee: N/A
Additional Notes: No registration or certification required for 1+ resellers. Operator service providers must register and provide rates.

MINNESOTA

Avg. Certification Time:

4 Months

Filing Fee:

N/A

Additional Notes:

Certification and tariff are required. Data requests almost always follow filings. Fines and/or refunds required for precertification traffic. Commission charges applicants for staff and staff attorney time (approximately \$300+ per applicant.) Staff will not recommend approval of applicants with negative equity or otherwise weak financials. Bond for debit card service will be required

MISSISSIPPI

Avg. Certification Time:

3 Months

Filing Fee:

N/A

Additional Notes:

Certification and tariff are required. Typically goes to hearing. Local counsel is required.

MISSOURI

Avg. Certification Time:

3 Months

Filing Fee:

N/A

Additional Notes:

Certification and tariff are required. No hearing is normally required, but local counsel's name is required on the application.

MONTANA

Avg. Certification Time:

0 Days

Filing Fee:

N/A

Additional Notes:

Registration, but no tariff, is required.

NEBRASKA

Avg. Certification Time:

3 - 4 Months

Filing Fee:

\$50.00

Additional Notes:

Certification and tariff are required. Staff scrutinized financials and requires forecasts or business plans for new companies.

NEVADA

Avg. Certification Time:

3 Months

Filing Fee:

\$200.00

Additional Notes:

Certification, but no tariff required for 1+ resellers. Certification and tariff required for OSPs. Publication required. Bond for debit card service will be required.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Avg. Certification Time:

1 Month

Filing Fee:

N/A

Additional Notes:

Registration and tariff are required. Tariff effective on 30 days notice.

NEW JERSEY

Avg. Certification Time:

3 Day

Filing Fee:

N/A

Additional Notes:

Registration, but no tariff, required for 1+ resellers. Tariffs required for OSPs.

NEW MEXICO	
Avg. Certification Time:	5 - 6 Months
Filing Fee:	\$250.00
Additional Notes:	Certification and tariff are required. Detailed financial statements required.
NEW YORK	
Avg. Certification Time:	4 Months
Filing Fee:	N/A
Additional Notes:	Certification and tariff are required.
NORTH CAROLINA	
Avg. Certification Time:	2 Months
Filing Fee:	\$250.00
Additional Notes:	Registration, but no tariff, required for switchless resellers. Switch-based carriers require certification and tariff is required as well as a hearing; allow at least six months. No stand-alone OSP can be authorized (by statute.) No certification required for debit card only.
NORTH DAKOTA	
Avg. Certification Time:	3 - 4 Months
Filing Fee:	N/A
Additional Notes:	Certification, but no tariff, is required. Bond for debit card service is required.
OHIO	
Avg. Certification Time:	2 Months
Filing Fee:	N/A
Additional Notes:	Registration and tariff only applies to switch-based reseller. Switchless resellers may file additional information to obtain release from jurisdiction. A change in technical status may require refiling if company is granted switchless exemption. PUC does not keep a record of switchless resellers.
OKLAHOMA	
Avg. Certification Time:	6 Months
Filing Fee:	N/A
Additional Notes:	Certification and tariff are required. Extensive and repeated data requests are issued. Requires audited or independent CPA reviewed financials. Requires considerable follow up and publication. Form tariff speeds up approval timeframe.
OREGON	
Avg. Certification Time:	2 Months
Filing Fee:	N/A
Additional Notes:	Certification, but no tariff, is required.
PENNSYLVANIA	
Avg. Certification Time:	3 Months
Filing Fee:	\$250.00
Additional Notes:	Certification and tariff are required. Applicant may begin operating within 10 days of filing the application.

RHODE ISLAND

Avg. Certification Time: 1 Month
Filing Fee: \$250.00
Additional Notes: Certification and tariff are required. Tariff effective on 30 days notice.

SOUTH CAROLINA

Avg. Certification Time: 5 Months
Filing Fee: N/A
Additional Notes: Certification and tariff are required. Local counsel required. Publication required in approximately 5 papers. Bond for debit card service will be required. All applications go to hearing.

SOUTH DAKOTA

Avg. Certification Time: 3 Months
Filing Fee: \$250.00
Additional Notes: Certification and tariff are required.

TENNESSEE

Avg. Certification Time: 2 - 3 Months
Filing Fee: \$50.00
Additional Notes: Registration and rate sheets required.

TEXAS

Avg. Certification Time: -30 Days
Filing Fee: N/A
Additional Notes: Registration and rate sheets must be filed within 30 days of beginning operation.

UTAH

Avg. Certification Time: 0 Days
Filing Fee: N/A
Additional Notes: No certification or tariff are required of resellers. Must contribute to USF fund.

VERMONT

Avg. Certification Time: 4 Months
Filing Fee: N/A
Additional Notes: Certificate and tariff are required. Newspaper publication required.

VIRGINIA

Avg. Certification Time: 0 Days
Filing Fee: N/A
Additional Notes: No certification or tariff are required of toll resellers or OSP at this time.

WASHINGTON

Avg. Certification Time: 1 Month
Filing Fee: N/A
Additional Notes: Certification and tariff are required Streamlined process required form Price List. Competitive status granted simultaneously. Bond for debit card service will be required.

WEST VIRGINIA

Avg. Certification Time: 4 Months
Filing Fee: N/A
Additional Notes: Certification and tariff are required. Publication required. Bond for debit card service - only providers.

WISCONSIN

Avg. Certification Time: 4 Months
Filing Fee: N/A
Additional Notes: Registration, but no tariff, required for 1+. OSPs must register and submit a rate sheet.

WYOMING

Avg. Certification Time: 0 Days
Filing Fee: \$5.00
Additional Notes: Registration form must be submitted with rate sheets.

FCC - INFORMATIONAL OSP

Avg. Certification Time: 1 Day
Filing Fee: \$630.00
Additional Notes: No application is required. OSP Informational tariff required and effective one day after filing. New rules require OSP tariffs to have actual rate plans.

FCC - 1+

Avg. Certification Time: 1 Day
Filing Fee: \$630.00
Additional Notes: No application is required, but a tariff must be filed. Tariffs and revisions are effective on one day's notice. The FCC has ordered detariffing, but the Court has stayed the FCC's order. International and OSP tariffs were not included in detariffing order.

FCC INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION

Avg. Certification Time: Less than 45 Days
Filing Fee: \$780.00
Additional Notes: Application is streamlined and is automatically granted 35 days after publication. Tariff may be filed on one day's notice, effective after authority is granted.