

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the matter of the Application of) Application No. C-866
Eastern Ambulance Service, Inc.,)
Lincoln, Nebraska, who seeks) GRANTED
authority to operate as a reseller)
of telecommunications services)
within the state of Nebraska.) Entered: March 5, 1991

OPINION AND FINDINGS

BY THE COMMISSION:

By its application filed November 7, 1990, Eastern Ambulance Service, Inc., of Lincoln, Nebraska seeks authority to operate as a reseller of interexchange telecommunications services within the state of Nebraska.

Notice of the filing of the application was published pursuant to the provisions of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. No protests to the application were filed.

Pursuant to notice required by law, public hearing was held on the application on January 25, 1991 at 1:30 p.m. in the Commission Hearing Room, Lincoln, Nebraska.

Upon consideration of the application, the evidence adduced at the hearing and being fully advised, the Commission is of the opinion and finds that:

1. Applicant is a corporation incorporated in the state of Nebraska with its principal office in Lincoln, Nebraska. Eastern Ambulance Service, Inc. is a private ambulance service. Currently, offices are located in Lincoln, Omaha, Hastings and Grand Island, Its central communications center is located in Lincoln. Applicant seeks to provide interLATA telephone service from points of origin within the state of Nebraska to termination points within Nebraska. These services primarily will be used by callers in business establishments, hospitals and other health care facilities.

2. Mr. Russell J. Bayer, one of the owners of Eastern Ambulance, responsible for general operations of the company, testified on behalf of the applicant. The applicant will not construct any new facilities to implement the authority sought here. The proposed services will be furnished using T-1 circuits already leased by Sprint with local connections provided by the local phone company servicing the given area. Applicant is able to provide this service through the use of its own channel bank equipment and PBX systems. This equipment supports telecommunications service on a 24 hour per day basis.

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3. Applicant filed with the Commission as Exhibit #5 its consolidated financial statements for December 31, 1989 and 1988 audited by Dana Cole and Company. In addition, applicant filed an unaudited balance sheet as of September 30, 1990. Although the operations of the applicant in the ambulance service business differs from the operations of the telecommunications business, the Commission finds that the stockholder's equity and current asset to liability ratio reflect a strong enough position to finance this venture.

4. Applicant filed tariffs for the single lease to/from either LINCOLN/OMAHA, or LINCOLN/GRAND ISLAND. There is a one-time installation fee per circuit and then a monthly recurring charge per circuit. As part of the service, applicant will coordinate all telephone company contacts for necessary service and installation. The terms of payment of installation charges and monthly on-going charges would be determined by lease agreements between applicant and the leasing party. Installation charges are based on current charges by LT&T and US West for installation and order processing. In addition, it covers installation by Midwest Telephone and Sound of necessary in-house equipment and the purchase of that equipment. Applicant does not charge any advance fees or deposits.

5. The application is fair and reasonable, is in the public interest and should be granted.

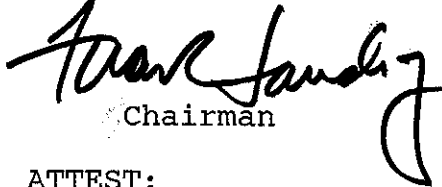
ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that Application No. C-866 be and it is hereby granted and Eastern Ambulance Service, Inc., Lincoln, Nebraska be and it is hereby authorized to provide interexchange telecommunications services within the state of Nebraska.

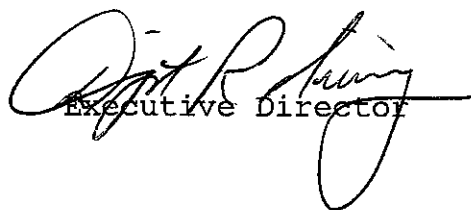
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this order be and it is hereby made the Commission's official Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to furnish the service authorized herein.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 5th day of March 1991.

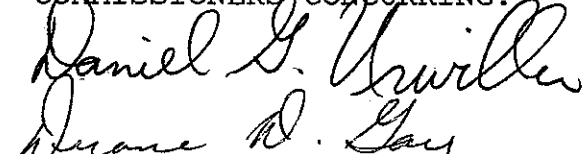
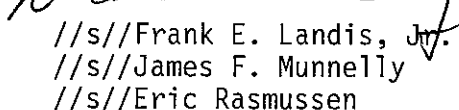
NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


Chairman

ATTEST:


Executive Director

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:



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//s//James F. Munnelly
//s//Eric Rasmussen