BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application of) Application No. C-884
One Call Communications, Inc., dba)
Opticom, Carmel, Indiana, who seeks)
a Certificate of Public Convenience) GRANTED
and Necessity to operate as an)
interexchange telecommunications)
provider within the state of Nebraska.) Entered: June 11, 1991

APPEARANCES: For the Applicant:

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OPINION AND FINDINGS

BY THE COMMISSION:

By its application filed March 29, 1991, One Call Communications, Inc., dba Opticom, Carmel, Indiana, seeks a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to operate as an interexchange telecommunications resale carrier and operator service provider 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 protest to the application was filed.

Pursuant to notice required by law, public hearing was held on the application on May 14, 1991, in the Commission Hearing Room, Lincoln, Nebraska with appearance as shown.

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 privately held corporation, organized and existing under the laws of the state of Indiana. Applicant has existed since 1982 as a provider of telecommunications services. It is now authorized to provide service in 25 states with applications pending in six states. Currently, most of the company's business activity is with customers primarily located within the states of Indiana and Michigan. Applicant is a non-facilities-based reseller, has approximately 225 employees and has an operator center in Indiana. Applicant currently offers interstate and international 1+ and 0+ services throughout the continental United States.
- 2. Ms. Deborah Barrett, Vice President of One Call Communications, testified on behalf of the applicant. Since 1988, she was responsible for the regulatory department which administers federal and state compliance and certification issues. In 1990, she was promoted to Assistance Vice President of Operation with the responsibility of overseeing many of the day to day operations of

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the company. Applicant offers both 1+ and operator services to customers, including hotels, motels, colleges, universities, hospitals, governmental institutions, and pay phone providers along with residential service offerings.

- 3. Applicant's principal owner is Larry Dunigan. He is the sole corporate stockholder of the company. The Opticom division of One Call Communications, Inc., began operation in January 1990. This division was created for the purpose of developing a transmission network which would enable the company to provide operator services in addition to the 1+ business nationwide. Opticom has experienced a loss in operations which applicant attributes to start up expenses.
- 4. Applicant's financial statements include the up front costs associated with the development of a new business offering. Ms. Barrett testified that the applicant is ahead of their budget by a full quarter. The application was augmented prior to the hearing with a CPA review of the the financial statements of applicant as of December 31, 1990. This review reflects a increase in assets from \$10,365,489 to \$12,035,674 from 1989 to 1990. The company has a \$4,000,000 note payable to the Old National Bank with a variable interest rate currently at 10%. Applicant's late filed exhibits regarding the income summary reflects a positive net income in April of 1991.
- 5. Applicant's customers are not asked to pay any deposits or advance payments. The company does do a credit check and deposits if applicable are a rare thing. The Property Database form provided to the Commission as a late filed exhibit does allow the vendor to place a surcharge per call on the phones. For interstate and international calls, the surcharge cannot exceed \$1.00. Intrastate surcharges are subject to commission approval in states where regulated.
- 6. 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-884 be and it is hereby granted and One Call Communications, Inc., dba Opticom, Carmel, Indiana, 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.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that applicant shall file in accordance with the applicable statutes an annual report with this Commission consisting of (1) a copy of any report filed with the Federal

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Communications Commission, (2) the annual report to stockholders and (3) for the state of Nebraska on a combined interstate-intrastate basis, the investment in telephone plant and equipment located within the state, accumulated depreciation thereon, operating revenues, operating expenses and taxes.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 11th day of June 1991.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Chairman

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

//s//Duane D. Gay

//s//Frank E. Landis
//s//James F. Munnelly

//s//Daniel G. Urwiller

ATTEST: