

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application of) Application No. C-1132
Rochester Telephone Corp. Inc., of)
Rochester, New York seeking author-)
ity to acquire control of West Coast) GRANTED
Telecommunications, Inc., of Santa)
Barbara, California.) Entered: January 9, 1995

PRELIMINARY MATTERS

The applicant, Rochester Telephone Corporation, (RTC), of Rochester, New York, filed this application December 1, 1994. Pursuant to the Commission's Rules and Regulations, notice of the application was published in the Omaha Daily Record on December 6, 1994. No one protested the application; therefore, we will proceed pursuant to the Commission's Rule of Modified Procedure (see Title 291 NAC Ch. 1, Rule 018.03).

BY THE COMMISSION

Rochester Telephone Corporation is the parent company of several local telephone subsidiaries and long distance companies. One of RTC's subsidiaries, RCI Long Distance, Inc., was issued a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity on July 19, 1994. West Coast Telecommunications, Inc. (West Coast) obtained its operating authority from the Commission in June, 1993, in Application No. C-973. Subsequently, West Coast received Commission approval for a name change to World Call Telecommunications, Inc. in Application No. C-1069. No departmental complaints or formal complaints have been filed against either company in Nebraska.

The applicant seeks authority to acquire all outstanding shares of the common stock of West Coast. At Rochester's option, West Coast may be merged with and into RTC or with and into any subsidiary of RTC. RTC will become the corporate parent of West Coast and will provide service to West Coast's customers. High quality and affordable service will continue under RTC's control. With this acquisition, RTC will be able to expand its long distance services nationwide. Many of West Coast's personnel will continue to work for the company, with RTC providing additional managerial experience.

In its application, RTC and West Coast provided financial statements. The statements reflect RTC has sufficient financial resources to acquire control of West Coast. Furthermore, the acquisition of West Coast will provide RTC with customers in several major metropolitan area that were targeted for expansion.

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Upon consideration of the application, the governing statutes and rules, and being fully informed, the Commission is of the opinion and finds the acquisition of West Coast Telecommunications, of Santa Barbara, California by Rochester Telephone Corporation, of Rochester, New York is fair and reasonable, is in the public interest, and should be granted.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that Application No. C-1132 be, and it is hereby granted and the operating authority of West Coast Telecommunications is hereby transferred to Rochester Telephone Corporation.

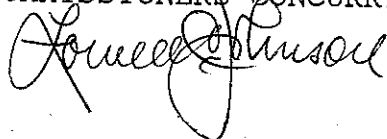
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that West Coast Telecommunications shall continue to file, in accordance with the applicable statutes, an annual report with this Commission consisting of (a) a copy of any report filed with the Federal Communications Commission, (b) the annual report to stockholders, and (c) for 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.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that an updated tariff be filed pursuant to this order.

IT IS FINALLY ORDERED that this order be and it is hereby made the Commission's official certificate of authority to furnish the service authorized herein as a common carrier.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska this 9th day of January, 1995.

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:



//s//Frank E. Landis
//s//James F. Munnely
//s//Daniel G. Urwiller

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION



Chairman

ATTEST:



Deputy Director