BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application of)	Application No. C-1183
Cherry Communications, Inc. of)	
Westchester, Illinois, who seeks)	EXTENSION OF TIME GRANTED
authority as a reseller of inter-)	
exchange telecommunications serv-)	
ices in Nebraska.)	Entered: January 9, 1996

PRELIMINARY MATTERS

1995, application filed April 20, Communications, Inc. of Westchester, Illinois seeks authority interLATA intraLATA and interexchange telecommunications services within Nebraska. Notice of the application was published in the Omaha Daily Record on April 24, 1995. Public hearings were held on the docket on June 13 and December 19, 1995 in the Commission Hearing Room, Lincoln, Nebraska.

OPINION AND FINDINGS

On July 31, 1995, the Commission entered an order granting Cherry Communications, Inc. (hereinafter referred to as Cherry) the authority to operate on a conditional basis. The order was contingent upon Cherry providing the Commission with requisite financial information. Additional information was requested and ultimately a second hearing was held to review the additional evidence and to determine whether Cherry had demonstrated financial fitness and technical competency. The conditional operating authority was scheduled to expire on December 31, 1995.

As of this date, Cherry has provided information to the Commission and appeared for its public hearings; however, some additional information must be gathered before a final decision can be reached regarding the applicant's fitness and ability to operate within the state. Therefore, the attorney for Cherry and the Communications Department of the Commission comes forward to request an extension of time be granted so that the necessary information can be obtained while allowing Cherry to operate on a conditional basis.

The Commission being fully advised in the premises finds the request for an extension of time is reasonable, in the public interest and should be granted.

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that Cherry Communications, Inc. is hereby allowed to operate on a conditional basis until a final order is entered in this matter. Such authority is effective retroactively from January 1, 1996.

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MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 9th day of January, 1996.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

//s//Rod Johnson

//s//Frank E. Landis

//s//James F. Munnelly

//s//Daniel G. Urwiller

ATTEST:

Chairman

Executive Director