

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application ) Application No. C-1206  
of Southern Pacific Telecommunica-) GRANTED  
tions Company of Denver, Colorado )  
seeking authority to change its )  
name to Qwest Communications Corp-) Entered: July 31, 1995  
oration. )

PRELIMINARY MATTERS

By application filed June 23, 1995, Southern Pacific Telecommunications Company, of Denver, Colorado, seeks approval to change its name to Qwest Communications Corporation. Notice of the application was published in the Omaha Daily Record, June 26, 1995 in accordance with the Commission's Rules of Procedure. No protests to the application were received. Therefore, we process this application pursuant to the Commission's Rule of Modified Procedure (see Title 291, NAC Ch. 1, Rule 018.03).

O P I N I O N   A N D   F I N D I N G S

Upon consideration of the application, the governing statutes and rules and being fully informed, the Commission is of the opinion and finds:

Southern Pacific Telecommunications Company was granted authority to provide intrastate interLATA and intraLATA interexchange telecommunications services in Nebraska pursuant to C-1121 on December 20, 1994. Since certification, no formal complaints have been filed against the company in Nebraska.

The proposed name change will not impact customers or service offerings in Nebraska. Further, the name change will not affect the company's management, operations, quality of service or rates. The name change is being made pursuant to a reorganization plan that commenced in 1991. In 1991, Southern Pacific Telecom was required to cease using references to Southern Pacific or "SP" after a period of five (5) years.

In January, 1995, Southern Pacific Telecom acquired Qwest Communications, a company which owned and operated a microwave network across the eastern and midwestern United States. The name was utilized, as it was timely pursuant to the previously mentioned reorganization plan.

Further, the name change is being made to facilitate marketing purposes. Southern Pacific or "SP" are most identifiable with the railway transportation business;

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therefore, the company believes the name change will enhance its sales capabilities in the telecommunications industry.

Based on the contents of the application, the request is 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-1206 be, and it is hereby granted and the current name of Southern Pacific Telecommunications Company is changed to Qwest Communications Corporation.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the applicant file an updated tariff with the Commission within thirty (30) days reflecting the authorized change in name.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska this 31st day of July, 1995.

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

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

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

  
Vice Chairman

ATTEST:

  
Executive Director