

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application ) Application No. C-1235  
of US West Communications, Inc. )  
of Omaha, Nebraska and G.W.S., )  
Inc. of Wall, South Dakota seek- ) GRANTED  
ing authority for recognition of )  
change in ownership of the Burke )  
and Bonesteel, South Dakota ex- )  
changes. ) Entered: October 31, 1995

PRELIMINARY MATTERS

By application filed September 19, 1995, US West Communications, Inc. (USWC) and GWS Communications, Inc. seek authority to recognize the change in ownership of the Burke and Bonesteel, South Dakota exchanges. Notice of the application was published in the Omaha Daily Record, September 21, 1995 in accordance with the Commission's Rules of Procedure. No protests to the application were received. Therefore, we will 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:

USWC is a local exchange carrier operating in Nebraska and South Dakota, and is subject to the Commission's general regulation of common carriers. GWS is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Golden West Telecommunications, a company providing telecommunications services in thirty-six (36) exchanges in the state of South Dakota.

On or about December 7, 1994, USWC entered into an agreement with GWS providing for the sale of its Burke and Bonesteel exchanges. The sale will transfer all the physical assets of USWC relating to its telephone operations in these exchanges and will transfer USWC's certificate of public convenience and necessity relating to these exchanges.

The Burke and Bonesteel exchanges serve thirteen (13) customers in Nebraska and therefore, USWC and GWS submit this application for our approval. The proposed sale has been thoroughly reviewed by the South Dakota Public Service Commission pursuant to Docket No. TC94-122. The South Dakota Commission determined the buyer was fit, willing and able to purchase and therefore operate, maintain and upgrade the facilities of the exchange. The South Dakota Commission found

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the purchase by GWS was in the public interest of the customers and approved the transaction.

In this application, GWS agrees to abide by all duties and obligations required by the Nebraska Public Service Commission due to its presence in Nebraska.

Based on the contents of the application, the request is reasonable, is in the public interest, and the sale of the Burke and Bonesteel, South Dakota exchanges from US West Communications, Inc. to G.W.S., Inc. should be granted.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that Application No. C-1235 be, and it is hereby granted and US West Communications, Inc. may sell its Burke and Bonesteel, South Dakota exchanges to G.W.S., Inc.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that G.W.S., Inc. file a tariff with the Commission within sixty (60) days.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that G.W.S., Inc. file a boundary map of the Burke and Bonesteel, South Dakota exchanges with the Commission within sixty (60) days.

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

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:



//s//Rod Johnson

//s//Frank E. Landis

//s//James F. Munnelly

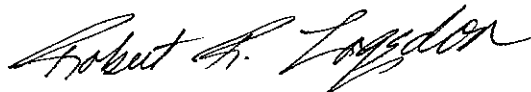
//s//Daniel G. Urwiller

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION



Chairman

ATTEST:



Executive Director