

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application) Application No. C-1236
of US West Communications, Inc.)
of Omaha, Nebraska and Dakota)
Telecommunications Systems, Inc.) GRANTED
of Irene, South Dakota seeking)
authority for recognition of the)
change in ownership of the Greg-)
ory, South Dakota exchange.) Entered: October 31, 1995

PRELIMINARY MATTERS

By application filed September 19, 1995, US West Communications, Inc. (USWC) and Dakota Telecommunications Systems, Inc. (Dakota) seek authority to recognize the change in ownership of the Gregory, 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. Dakota is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Dakota Cooperative Telecommunications, Inc., a company providing telecommunications services in nine (9) exchanges in the state of South Dakota.

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

The Gregory exchange serves two (2) customers in Nebraska and therefore, USWC and Dakota 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 Gregory exchange. The South Dakota Commission found the purchase by Dakota was in

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the public interest of the customers and approved the transaction.

In this application, Dakota 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 Gregory, South Dakota exchange from US West Communications, Inc. to Dakota Telecommunications Systems, Inc. should be granted.

O R D E R

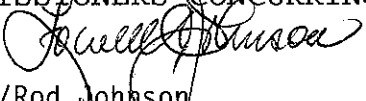
IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that Application No. C-1236 be, and it is hereby granted and US West Communications, Inc. may sell its Gregory, South Dakota exchange to Dakota Telecommunications Systems, Inc.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Dakota Telecommunications Systems, Inc. file a tariff with the Commission within sixty (60) days.


IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Dakota Telecommunications Systems, Inc. file a boundary map of the Gregory, South Dakota exchange 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