

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application)	Application No. C-1254
of Midwest Fibernet, Inc. and Con-)	
solidated Network, Inc. of Mattoon,)	
Illinois for authority to transfer)	GRANTED
the Certificate of Public Conven-)	
ience and Necessity issued to Mid-)	
west Fibernet to Consolidated Net-)	
work Inc.)	Entered: December 5, 1995

PRELIMINARY MATTERS

On October 25, 1995, an application was filed by Midwest Fibernet, Inc. and Consolidated Network, Inc. of Mattoon, Illinois for authority to transfer the Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity issued to Midwest Fibernet to Consolidated Network. Notice of the application was published in the Omaha Daily Record on October 27, 1995. No protests were received; therefore, we will process this application pursuant to the Commission's Rule of Modified Procedure.

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

Midwest Fibernet, Inc. (MFI) obtained a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity from the Commission pursuant to Application C-1000 on September 28, 1993. MFI is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Consolidated Network, Inc., which is the company seeking to acquire the Certificate of authority previously issued to MFI. No departmental or formal complaints have been filed against the company since its certification.

Consolidated Network, Inc. (CNI) does not currently possess a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity with this Commission. It is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Consolidated Communications, Inc (CCI) which is a holding company for several corporations engaged in the provision of telecommunications services and related products. CNI has provided interstate services to the public since 1986.

For internal corporate reasons related to the cost, complexity and the inconvenience of operating separate corporate entities which provide similar competitive telecommunications services, CCI determined to implement a merger of MFI into CNI. The result is that MFI will no longer exist and that CNI will own all the assets of MFI.

Pursuant to this transaction, CNI will also change its name to Consolidated Communications Telecom Services, Inc. or CCTS. This company will provide all the services which MFI is currently authorized to provide in Nebraska.

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The ownership and control of the business will continue to reside with the same parent, CCI. The same services will be provided on a statewide basis. No advance payments or deposits will be or have been collected from customers. CNI will continue to employ the same underlying carrier, WilTel.

Upon consideration of the application, the governing statutes and rules, and being fully informed, the Commission is of the opinion and finds the transfer of the Certificate of Authority previously issued to Midwest Fibernet, Inc. to Consolidated Network, Inc. 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 C-1254 be, and it is hereby granted that the Certificate of Authority previously issued to Midwest Fibernet, Inc. is hereby transferred to Consolidated Network, Inc.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Midwest Fibernet, Inc. and/or its successor corporation shall file annually, in accordance with the applicable statutes, a report with this Commission consisting of (a) a copy of any reports filed with the Federal Communications Commission and the Security and Exchange 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, expenses and taxes by April 30th of each year.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Consolidated Network, Inc. file with the Commission an application for authority to change its name.

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

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 5th day of December, 1995.

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

//s//Lowell Johnson

//s//Rod Johnson

//s//Frank E. Landis

//s//James F. Munnelly

Vice Chairman

ATTEST:

Executive Director