

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application	)	Application No. C-1292
of MIDCOM Communications, Inc.	)	
and GE Capital Communication	)	
Services Corp. of Seattle, Wash-	)	GRANTED
ington and Atlanta, Georgia for	)	
authority for MIDCOM to acquire	)	
a portion of the Nebraska cus-	)	
tomers base of GE.	)	Entered: March 19, 1996

PRELIMINARY MATTERS

On February 8, 1996, an application was filed by MIDCOM Communications, Inc. of Seattle, Washington and GE Capital Communication Services Corp., d/b/a GE Exchange and d/b/a GE Capital Exchange of Atlanta, Georgia, for authority to transfer a portion of the customer base of GE to MIDCOM. Notice of the application was published in the Omaha Daily Record on February 9, 1996. 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

MIDCOM is based in Seattle, Washington and obtained a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity from the Commission pursuant to Application C-924 on June 9, 1992. No departmental or formal complaints are pending against the company.

GE Capital Communication Services Corporation, d/b/a GE Exchange and d/b/a GE Capital Exchange is a Georgia corporation with its principal place of business in Atlanta, Georgia. The Commission granted GE a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity in Application C-1016 on October 13, 1993 to provide intraLATA and interLATA services. Like MIDCOM, no formal or departmental complaints are pending against the company.

GE has agreed to convey a portion of its assets to MIDCOM, specifically, a portion of its customer accounts and the accounts receivable relating to those customers. MIDCOM will bill GE customers under the rates, terms and conditions as those presently offered by GE. No deposits or advance payments were collected by GE; therefore, this transaction involves no refunds of such funds.

GE will continue to exist and operate under its own name. Accordingly, GE desires to maintain its tariff and certification with the Commission. The company plans on remaining active in the telecommunications industry.

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MIDCOM and GE utilize largely the same underlying carrier network services; therefore, there should be no interruption of service to customers.

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 a portion of the customer base belonging to GE Capital Communication Services Corp., d/b/a GE Exchange and d/b/a GE Capital Exchange of Atlanta, Georgia to MIDCOM Communications, Inc. of Seattle, Washington 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-1292 be, and it is hereby granted and a portion of the customer base of GE Capital Communication Services, Corp. will be transferred to MIDCOM Communications, Inc.

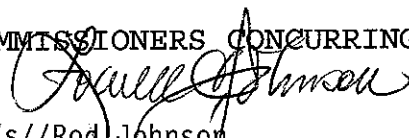
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the parties shall continue to file an annual report with this Commission consisting of (a) a copy of any report filed with the Federal Communications Commission, (b) the annual report to stockholders, and (c) for the State of Nebraska on a combined interstate-intrastate basis, 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 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.


MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 19th day of March, 1996.

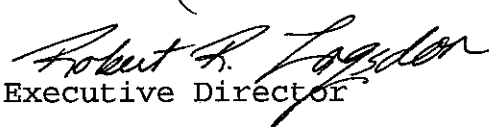
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COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

  
//s//Rod Johnson  
//s//James F. Munnelly  
//s//Daniel G. Urwiller

Chairman

ATTEST: 

  
Executive Director