

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application ) Application No. C-1316  
of Northwest Communications, Inc., )  
of Wilsonville, Oregon, seeking )  
authority to operate as a resale ) GRANTED  
common carrier of telecommuni- )  
cations within the state of )  
Nebraska. ) Entered September 5, 1996

APPEARANCES:

For the Applicant:

For the Commission Staff:

None

None

BY THE COMMISSION:

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

Northwest Communications, Inc., hereinafter referred to as NCI of Wilsonville, Oregon, filed an application with the Commission on April 1, 1996, for authority to operate as a resale carrier of intrastate interLATA and intraLATA telecommunications services within Nebraska. Notice of the application was published in the Omaha Daily Record on April 3, 1996, pursuant to the rules of the Commission. No protest was filed. A video conference hearing was held July 7, 1996, in the Commission Library.

Applicant produced two witnesses, Steven Lusenhop, vice president for Northwest Communications, and Larry Linenschmidt, executive vice president and chief financial officer of applicant. Andrew Massey and Joe Zugmier conducted the examination for the Commission.

Mr. Linenschmidt testified: the president of Applicant has 15 years experience in consumer electronics and cellular services.

Mr. Lusenhop testified: NCI was incorporated in 1994 in Nevada. It is a privately held corporation. It seeks intra and interLATA authority. It does not plan to offer facilities based service in Nebraska. Applicant is seeking authority in all 50 states. Its primary focus is the sale of prepaid calling cards. Frontier will be its underlying carrier. Customers will use the service with a prepaid calling card. They will dial an 800 number which will connect with the long distance carrier. Applicant owns its own switch.

Applicant furnished additional financial statements which met the approval of the Commission staff.

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Interexchange reseller applications are subject to Commission jurisdiction under Neb. Rev. Stat. 75-604 and 86-805 and Title 291 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations, Chapter 5, Rule 003.12. From examination of the application filed herein and the testimony adduced at the hearing, the Commission finds applicant has provided all the information required by the Commission; possesses adequate financial resources to provide the proposed service, and possesses adequate technical competency to provide the proposed service. The application should be granted.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED BY THE Nebraska Public Service that Application Number C-1316 be, and it is hereby, granted and Northwest Communications, Inc., of Wilsonville, Oregon, is hereby authorized to operate as a resale carrier of intrastate interexchange intraLATA and interLATA telecommunications services within the state of Nebraska.


IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the applicant shall file, in accordance with the applicable statutes on or before April 30th of each year, an annual report with this Commission consisting of (a) a copy of any report filed with the Federal Communications Commission, (b) a copy of any annual report to stockholders, (c) a copy of the latest Form 10-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, (d) a balance sheet and income statement for the previous year of operation and (e) 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, operating expenses, and taxes.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that applicant file its current tariff prior to offering service pursuant to the certificate granted in this order.


IT IS FINALLY ORDERED that this order be, and it 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 5th day of September, 1996.

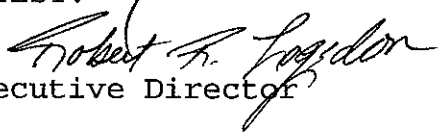
COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

  
 //s//Rod Johnson  
 //s//Frank E. Landis  
 //s//James F. Munnelly  
 //s//Daniel G. Urwiller

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Chairman 

ATTEST:

  
 Executive Director