

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application) Application No. C-1364
of Easton Telecom Services, Inc.,)
of Richfield, Ohio, seeking)
authority to operate as a resale) GRANTED
common carrier of telecommunica-)
tion services within the state of)
Nebraska.) Entered: September 24, 1996

APPEARANCES:

For the Applicant:
None

For the Commission Staff:
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BY THE COMMISSION:

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

By application filed June 14, 1996, Easton Telecom Services, Inc. of Richfield, Ohio, seeks authority to provide intraLATA and interLATA resold telecommunications services within the state of Nebraska. Notice of the application was published in the Daily Record, Omaha, Nebraska, on June 18, 1996, pursuant to the rules of the Commission. No protests were filed. Hearing on the application was held by video communication on September 5, 1996.

Applicant produced one witness, Robert Mocas, who testified: He is president of applicant. Applicant has approximately 1200 customers in 30 states. It will have no facilities in Nebraska. Its underlying carrier will be Frontier Communications International. Applicant will require written authorization before customers are served. Applicant plans to offer outbound 800, 1+ long distance and calling card services. Complaints will be served via an 800 number. Billing will be performed out of Osceola, Indiana by an independent company. Small and medium business customers are its target market. No complaints are pending in any state against applicant.

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;

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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-1364 be, and it is hereby, granted and Easton Telecom Services of Richfield, Ohio is hereby authorized to operate as a resale carrier of intrastate interexchange intra-LATA 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 24th day of September, 1996.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

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

Chairman

ATTEST:

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 Executive Director