

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application) Application No. C-1404
of Group Long Distance, Inc., of Ft.)
Lauderdale, Florida, seeking autho-)
rity to operate as a resale common) GRANTED
carrier of telecommunication ser-)
vices within the state of Nebraska.) Entered: November 5, 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 August 23, 1996, Group Long Distance, Inc., of Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, 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 August 28, 1996, pursuant to the rules of the Commission. No protests were filed. Hearing on the application was held by video communication on October 22, 1996.

Applicant produced one witness, Michael Mueller, who testified: He is vice president of applicant. The application filed is complete and accurate. Applicant proposes to offer long distance service, 1+ dialing and 800 service with switched and dedicated access. Its underlying carriers are AT&T and WilTel/ LDDS. Applicant's target market is businesses whose billing runs from \$30 to \$10,000 per month. The service is sold through agents, distributors and, on a limited basis, telemarketers. Signed authorization and third party verification is required before a customer will be switched. Applicant offers an 800 number to receive customer complaints. Operations are underway in approximately 20 states. No complaints against applicant are pending in any of those states.

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.

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O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED BY THE Nebraska Public Service that Application Number C-1404 be, and it is hereby, granted and Group Long Distance, Inc., of Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, 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 November, 1996.

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:


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

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Chairman



ATTEST:

Executive Director

