

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application	)	Application No. C-1424
of Three River Telco of Lynch,	)	
Nebraska seeking a Certificate of	)	
Public Convenience and Necessity	)	GRANTED
to provide for transmission of	)	
Internet and certain additional	)	
telecommunications traffic.	)	Entered: November 25, 1996

PRELIMINARY MATTERS

Three River Telco of Lynch, Nebraska filed an application with the Commission on October 15, 1996, to obtain a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to provide for transmission of Internet and certain additional telecommunications traffic. Notice of the application was published in the Omaha Daily Record on October 17, 1996 pursuant to the Commission's Rules and Regulations. No protests were received, therefore, we will process this application pursuant to the Commission's Rule of Modified Procedure.

BY THE COMMISSION

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

Three River Telco is a cooperative organized and existing under the laws of the State of Nebraska with its principal place of business located in Lynch, Nebraska. The applicant is engaged in the business of owning, operating and maintaining telephone plant and facilities, and furnishing telecommunications services in the following exchanges: Verdel, Lynch, Naper, Springview, and Johnstown. As a result, the telecommunications services furnished by the applicant are as a general matter, subject to regulation by the Commission, and are provided pursuant to laws, rules and regulations administered by the Commission.

Three River Telco seeks a certificate of authority for the construction of a multi-fiber optical cable, with sufficient capacity to carry Internet services, host remote service connections, and a portion of the toll service connection to US West. This facility will carry half of the toll service of the Lynch Host as the alternate route so toll service will not be totally lost if one cable route is cut.

Three River Telco, US West and Northeast Nebraska Telephone have engaged in discussions concerning the construction this facility and its uses. US West and Northeast Nebraska Telephone have expressed verbal agreement and consent to allow Three River Telco to construct this facility. This facility will be constructed from the Lynch Host Central Office to the Meet Point of the Naper exchange transiting the US West Spencer-Butte area.

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The applicant proposes that construction of this facility will provide the same level of local service to all customers served by Three River Telco, including Internet service, and will also provide diverse toll routing to protect against loss of toll service to all of the Three River Telco service area. The facility would also provide a diverse service route to Northeast Nebraska Telephone if they elect to jointly use this facility.

Upon consideration of the application and being fully advised, the Commission is of the opinion and finds the request reasonable, 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 No. C-1424 be, and it is hereby, granted and that Three River Telco is authorized to construct, operate and maintain the facility to provide for Internet services, host remote service connections and to provide for diverse toll service routing of telecommunications traffic.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this order be and it is hereby made the Commission's official certificate of public convenience and necessity to Three River Telco to construct, operate, and maintain the facility as previously described in this order.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska this 25th day of November, 1996.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:



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

Chairman



ATTEST:

Executive Director

