

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application) Application No. C-1451
of 360° Long Distance, Inc., of)
Chicago, Illinois, seeking authority)
to operate as a resale common car-) GRANTED
rier of telecommunication services)
within the state of Nebraska.) Entered: February 10, 1997

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 November 21, 1996, 360° Long Distance, Inc., Chicago, Illinois, seeks authority to provide intra-LATA and interLATA resold telecommunications services within the state of Nebraska. Notice of the application was published in the Daily Record, Omaha, Nebraska, on November 25, 1996, pursuant to the rules of the Commission. No protests were filed. Hearing on the application was held by video communication on January 28, 1997.

Applicant produced one witness, Thomas J. Curran, who testified: He is the director of external affairs for the applicant. The company resells long distance service through Sprint. It has no facilities of its own. Applicant targets the residential market through telemarketing. Exhibit 1 shows the scripts used by its telemarketers. A letter of authorization confirmed by a third party must be on file before the customer's service is switched to applicant. Applicant is certificated in 16 states and has applications pending in 8 other states besides Nebraska. It has not been denied authority in any state. Applicant will offer competitive pricing and high quality technical service.

Interexchange reseller applications are subject to Commission jurisdiction under Neb. Rev. Stat. Sections 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

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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-1451 be, and it is hereby, granted and 360° Long Distance, Inc., Chicago, Illinois, 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 10th day of February, 1997.

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:


 //s//Arne Boyle
 //s//Rod Johnson
 //s//Frank E. Landis
 //s//Daniel G. Urwiller

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Chairman

ATTEST:

Executive Director