

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application of) Application No. C-1454
US West Communications, Inc. of)
Omaha, Nebraska and Vivian Tele-) GRANTED
phone Company of Oneida, South)
Dakota seeking recognition of)
change of ownership of the Gregory,)
South Dakota Exchange.) Entered: January 7, 1997

BY THE COMMISSION:

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

US West Communications, Inc. (US West) of Omaha, Nebraska and Vivian Telephone Company (Vivian) of Oneida, South Dakota filed an application for recognition of the change in ownership of the Gregory, South Dakota exchange on November 26, 1996. Notice of the application was published in the Omaha Daily Record on December 2, 1996 pursuant to the Commission's Rules and Regulations. No protests to the application were filed; therefore, this application is administered pursuant to the Commission's modified procedure.

US West is a local exchange carrier operating in Nebraska and is subject to the Commission's general regulation of common carriers. Vivian, a wholly owned subsidiary of Golden West Telecom (Golden West), is a local exchange carrier operating in South Dakota.

On or about December 7, 1994, US West entered into a purchase agreement with Dakota Telecommunications Systems, Inc. (Dakota) providing for the sale of its Gregory exchange. This sale was approved by the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission on July 31, 1993 and by this Commission, pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. Section 75-604 and Commission Rule 002.26, on October 31, 1995 in Docket C-1236. However, the sale of the exchange to Dakota was never completed. On or about June 26, 1996, US West entered into a purchase agreement with Golden West for the sale of the Gregory exchange to Golden West through its subsidiary, Vivian.

The Gregory exchange in South Dakota serves three customers in Nebraska. These three customers will see no changes in their telecommunications services or rates. The South Dakota Commission held a public hearing on the sale and determined that Vivian was a willing and able purchaser and would be able to operate the exchange at a level that meets the South Dakota's Commission standards.

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The file contains a signed statement of Vivian that it will abide by all lawful duties and obligations required of it in serving Nebraska subscribers.

Upon consideration of the application and being fully advised in the premises, the Commission is of the opinion and finds the application complies with Nebraska law and should be granted.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that Application No. C-1454 be, and it is hereby, granted.

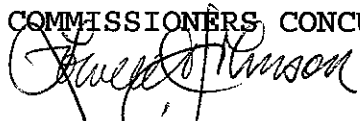
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Vivian Telephone Company follow all pertinent Nebraska laws and Commission rules in providing service to its Nebraska telecommunications subscribers.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that order C-1236, which approved the sale of the Gregory exchange, of South Dakota, to Dakota Telecommunications Systems, Inc. be, and is hereby, rescinded.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska this 7th day of January, 1997.

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