

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application       ) Application No. C-1457  
of Discount Network Services, Inc.,    )  
of Dearborn, Michigan, seeking        )  
authority to operate as a resale        ) GRANTED  
common carrier of telecommunication   )  
services within the state of           )  
Nebraska.                                ) Entered: March 18, 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 December 13, 1996, Discount Network Services, Inc., of Dearborn, Michigan, 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 December 17, 1996, pursuant to the rules of the Commission. No protests were filed. Hearing on the application was held by video communication on March 5, 1997.

Applicant produced one witness, Gerald Wnuk, who testified: He is vice president, secretary and director of applicant which is a closely held corporation controlled by Thomas Corrigan. It has been in business since March, 1993. It has authority to operate in 35 states and has applications pending in all other states except Alaska. No complaints are pending against applicant in any state. Applicant resells services of AT&T -- 1+ dialing, 800 and calling card services. Billing is done by AT&T and independents. The services are sold through telemarketing. A copy of applicant's scripts is shown in Exhibit 1. Third party verification is used to ensure that customers indeed want to switch to applicant. Small to medium sized businesses with \$50 to \$300 phone bills and less than 100 employees are applicant's target market.

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

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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.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED BY THE Nebraska Public Service Commission that Application Number C-1457 be, and it is hereby, granted and Discount Network Services, Inc., Dearborn, Michigan, is hereby authorized to operate as a resale carrier of intra-state 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 17th day of March, 1997.

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:



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

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Chairman



ATTEST:

Executive Director

