

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application of) Application No. C-1458
US West Interprise America, Inc.,)
of Denver, Colorado, seeking autho-)
rity to provide intrastate telecom-) GRANTED
munications services in areas)
served by US West Communications)
within the state of Nebraska.) Entered: February 27, 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, US West Interprise America, Inc., (Interprise) of Denver, Colorado, seeks authority to provide intrastate telecommunications services in areas served by US West Communications within the state of Nebraska. Notice of the application was published in the Daily Record, Omaha, Nebraska, on December 19, 1996, pursuant to the rules of the Commission. No protests were filed. Hearing on the application was held in the Commission Hearing Room on February 10, 1997, at 1:30 p.m.

Applicant produced one witness, Richard Boyer, who testified: He is the Public Policy Administrator for the applicant. Interprise is a Colorado corporation that is a wholly-owned subsidiary of US West Communications Group, Inc., which is, in turn, wholly owned by US West, Inc. which is a Delaware Corporation.

Interprise requests authority in its application to provide intrastate data transport services. The applicant proposes to purchase transport services and rights to use fiber-optic facilities from companies with existing fiber-optic networks including the incumbent local exchange carriers. Although the primary use of Interprise's services is for data communications, the services are capable of and may be used to provide, on an ancillary basis, voice, video and image.

Interprise will furnish its services by copper and fiber-optic cable to transmit digitized data communications signals. Service will be provided seven days a week, 24 hours a day. Interprise anticipates that its initial customers in Nebraska will be large end users, such as corporations, schools and government institutions.

Interprise plans to offer its services in the service areas of US West Communications, Inc. where facilities and technology are available. Accordingly, the applicant requests au-

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thority to provide intrastate telecommunications services throughout the State of Nebraska only in areas currently served by US West Communications, Inc.

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.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED BY THE Nebraska Public Service Commission that Application Number C-1458 be, and it is hereby, granted and US West Interprise America, Inc., Denver, Colorado, is hereby authorized to provide intrastate telecommunications services in areas served by US West Communications 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.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska this 27th day of February, 1997.

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Anne C. Boyle

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

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Chairman

Robert H. Johnson

ATTEST:

Robert H. Logsdon

Executive Director