

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application        ) Application No. C-1462  
of Pierce Telephone Company, Inc.        )  
and Pierce Telecommunications,            )  
Inc., both of Pierce, Nebraska            ) Granted  
jointly seeking approval of the         )  
transfer of control and asset to         )  
Pierce Telecommunications.                ) Entered: January 21, 1997

BY THE COMMISSION:

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

On December 18, 1996, an application was filed by Pierce Telephone Company, Inc. (Pierce Telephone) and Pierce Telecommunications, Inc. (PTI) both of Pierce, Nebraska seeking approval of the transfer of control and assets of Pierce Telephone to PTI. Notice of the application was published in the The Daily Record on December 19, 1996. No protests were filed; therefore, this application has been administered pursuant to the Commission's modified procedure rule.

Pierce Telephone obtained a certificate of public convenience and necessity from the Commission by virtue of the laws of the State of Nebraska and offers local exchange service in Pierce, Stanton and Wayne Counties.

The shareholders of Pierce Telephone propose to transfer all of their shares of Pierce Telephone to PTI in an exchange of common stock on a share-for-share basis. The shareholders, officers and directors of PTI will be identical to the shareholders, officers and directors of Pierce Telephone. No changes will be made in the manner or method of operation. Pierce Telephone's certificate of public convenience and necessity will be transferred to PTI after the change in controlling interest is complete.

Upon consideration of the application, the governing statutes and rules, and being fully informed, the Commission is of the opinion and finds the requirements of Commission rule 002.26A have been satisfied. The transfer of control of Pierce Telephone to PTI should be granted.

O R D E R


IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that Application C-1462 be, and it is hereby, granted and Pierce Telephone, Inc. shall transfer its certificate of public convenience and necessity and control to Pierce Telecommunications, Inc.

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MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 21st day of January, 1997.

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:



//s//Anne C. Boyle

//a//Rod Johnson

//s//Daniel G. Urwiller

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Chairman



ATTEST:

Executive Director

