

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application) Application No. C-1467
of BellSouth Long Distance, Inc.,)
Atlanta, Georgia, seeking authority)
to operate as a resale common car-) GRANTED
rier of telecommunication services)
within the state of Nebraska.) Entered: June 4, 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 27, 1996, BellSouth Long Distance, Inc. (BSLD), of Atlanta, Georgia, 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 30, 1996, pursuant to the rules of the Commission. No protests were filed. Hearing on the application was held by video communication on April 14, 1997.

Applicant produced one witness, William D. Ficklin, who testified: He is the director of regulatory affairs for applicant. BSLD is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Bell South Corporation. Applicant has been certificated in 23 states. No state has denied its application. No complaints are pending against it in any state. BSLD's initial business in Nebraska will consist of calls made by its customer base outside of the state when customers travel through Nebraska. In the future, applicant may extend its customer base to include Nebraska residential and business customers. At present it does not plan to offer long distance service outside of its nine-state region. BSLD also sells calling cards in other jurisdictions. Customers are billed directly by BSLD based on records provided to it by underlying carriers.

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,

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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 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-1467 be, and it is hereby, granted and BellSouth Long Distance, Inc. (BSLD), Atlanta, Georgia, 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.

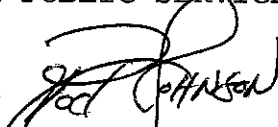
MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska this 4th day of June, 1997.

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:



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

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Chairman 

ATTEST:


Executive Director