BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of Strategic Telecom Systems, Inc., of Knoxville,
Tennessee, seeking authority to
operate as a resale common carrier of telecommunications services within the state of
Nebraska.

Application No. C-1522

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APPEARANCES:

For the Applicant:

For the Commission Staff: Hal Hasselbalch, Staff Attorney 300 The Atrium Lincoln, Nebraska 68508

BY THE COMMISSION:

OPINION AND FINDINGS

By application filed April 11, 1997, Strategic Telecom Systems, Inc., Knoxville, Tennessee, 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 April 15, 1997, pursuant to the rules of the Commission. No protests were filed. Hearing on the application was held by video communication on July 15, 1997.

Applicant produced one witness, Anthony L. Catinella, who testified: He is president of applicant which seeks to provide 1+ residential and 800 service and prepaid calling. Applicant is now certificated in 30 states. No complaints have been filed against applicant. Direct sales and agents of other carriers are used to market applicant's services. Its underlying carriers are MCI and ENEX. Applicant, itself has no facilities and relies on underlying carriers for technical support. Applicant bills directly and through local exchange carriers. Its target market is small and medium sized businesses.

Applicant has failed to pay all fees and charges connected with the processing of its application. It was billed July 15, 1997, for \$177.50 and forwarded \$127.50. Applicant was called on August 20 and September 2, 1997, regarding the unpaid charges. Due to applicant's failure to complete its application, this application should be dismissed.

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ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that Application Number C-1522 be, and it is hereby, dismissed for failure to fully prosecute the application.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 23rd day of September, 1997.

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Executive Direct

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Chairman ATTEST:

//s//Rod Johnson

//s//Frank E. Landis

//s//Daniel G. Urwiller