

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application of) Application No. C-1538
Associated Network Partners, Inc.)
of Springfield, Illinois seeking)
authority to operate as a resale) GRANTED
carrier of intrastate interLATA and)
intraLATA interexchange)
telecommunications services within)
the state of Nebraska.) Entered: July 28, 1997

BY THE COMMISSION:

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

By application filed May 5, 1997, Associated Network Partners, Inc. of Springfield, Illinois, seeks authority to provide intraLATA and interLATA telecommunications services in Nebraska. Notice of the application appeared in the The Daily Record, May 6, 1997. No protests were filed; therefore, we will process this application pursuant to the Commission's Rule of Modified Procedure.

Associated Network Partners, Inc. was incorporated September 21, 1995 under the laws of the state of Illinois. The applicant has received authority to operate in approximately three states and intends to file for certification in all fifty (50) states. No state has denied Associated Network Partners, Inc. a certificate of authority.

Applicant purchases interexchange telecommunications services and related alternative operator services platforms in bulk from underlying facilities-based carriers and resells such services to its Participants. Applicant's Participants are independent local exchange carriers or affiliates of independent local exchange carriers. Applicant does not provide service directly to the public. The underlying carrier for the services will be MCI, however, from time to time, Applicant may offer services provided by other registered interexchange carriers.

Associated Network Partners, Inc. plans to offer 1+, operator assisted services (0+, 01+ or 00-), inbound 800/888 services and calling card services to its members.

From examination of the application filed herein, the Commission finds the 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.

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IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that Application No. C-1538 be, and it is hereby, granted and Associated Network Partners, Inc., 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) 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 an updated 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 28th day of July, 1997.

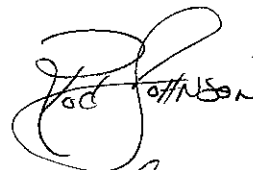
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COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

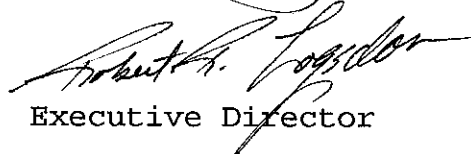



//s//Rod Johnson
//s//Frank E. Landis
//s//Daniel G. Urwiller

Chairman



ATTEST:


Executive Director