

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application of) Application No. C-1554
Southwestern Bell Communications)
Services, Inc. of Richardson, Texas)
seeking authority to operate as a)
resale carrier of intrastate) GRANTED
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 June 6, 1997, Southwestern Bell Communications Services, Inc. of Richardson, Texas, seeks authority to provide intraLATA and interLATA telecommunications services in Nebraska. Notice of the application appeared in the The Daily Record on June 11, 1997. AT&T Communications of the Midwest, Inc. filed a petition for informal intervention on July 11, 1997. No protests were filed; therefore, we will process this application pursuant to the Commission's Rule of Modified Procedure.

Southwestern Bell Communications Services, Inc. is a wholly-owned subsidiary of SBC Communications, Inc. ("SBC"), a holding company of one of the Bell operating companies. The Applicant was organized in the state of Delaware as a corporation May 31, 1995 and was incorporated in the state of Virginia June 13, 1995. The applicant has received authority to operate in approximately thirteen states and plans to become certified in all fifty (50) states. No state has denied Southwestern Bell Communications Services, Inc. a certificate of authority.

The initial underlying carrier for the services will be Sprint. The company's name and customer service number are located on all its bills. In addition, Southwestern Bell Communications Services, Inc. has a toll-free 800 number for customer service, which operates seven days a week, twenty-four hours a day.

Southwestern Bell Communications Services, Inc. plans to offer a full line of long distance services including inbound, outbound, calling card, prepaid calling card, directory assistance, operator toll assistance, conference and private line services statewide to both residential and business customers.

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

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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 No. C-1554 be, and it is hereby, granted and Southwestern Bell Communications Services, Inc. is hereby authorized to operate as a resale carrier of intrastate interexchange intraLATA and interLATA telecommunications services within the state of Nebraska.

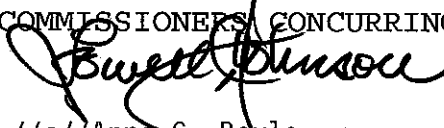
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the applicant shall file, in accordance with the applicable statutes on or before April 30th of each year, an annual report with this Commission consisting of (a) a copy of any report filed with the Federal Communications Commission, (b) a copy of any annual report to stockholders, (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.

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:


//s//Anne C. Boyle
//s//Rod Johnson
//s//Frank E. Landis
//s//Daniel G. Urwiller

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


Chairman

ATTEST:


Executive Director