

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application) Application No. C-1566
of Protel Advantage, Inc. dba Long)
Distance Savings, of St. Paul, Min-)
nesota seeks authority to operate) GRANTED
as a resale common carrier of tele-)
communication services within the)
state of Nebraska.) Entered: August 18, 1997

APPEARANCES:

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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 June 23, 1997, Protel Advantage, Inc. dba Long Distance Savings, of St. Paul, Minnesota, 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 June 24, 1997, pursuant to the rules of the Commission. No protests were filed. Hearing on the application was held by video communication on July 28, 1997.

Applicant produced one witness, Scott Donald Lee, who testified: He is owner of applicant which is currently authorized to operate in 13 states, with applications pending in 15 more states. No complaints have been filed against applicant in any state. Applicant's underlying carriers are Frontier and Sprint. He handles the computer operations and does the accounting for applicant. Telemarketers operating in AuClaire and St. Paul market applicant's services, primarily to small businesses with bills less than \$100 per month. Third party verification is used to prevent slamming. Applicant's telemarketing script is shown as Exhibit 1. Applicant bills through the local exchange carriers. Its charges are 25 cents per minute. Customer service is provided through an 800 number printed on the local exchange carrier's bill.

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, 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.

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O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that Application Number C-1566 be, and it is hereby, granted and Protel Advantage, Inc. dba Long Distance Savings, St. Paul, Minnesota, 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 18th day of August, 1997.

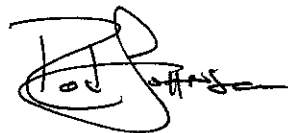
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COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

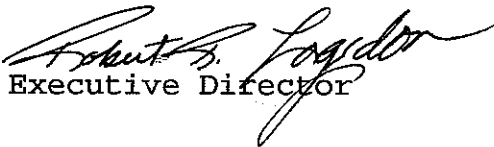


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//s//Frank E. Landis

Chairman



ATTEST:


Executive Director