

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of SmarTalk Tele- ) Application No. C-1588  
Services, Inc. of Los Angeles, )  
California seeking approval of ) GRANTED  
the acquisition by merger of )  
GTI Telecom, Inc. ) Entered: August 12, 1997

BY THE COMMISSION:

On July 2, 1997, an application was filed by SmarTalk TeleServices, Inc. (SmarTalk) of Los Angeles, California seeking approval of the acquisition by merger of GTI Telecom, Inc. (GTI). Notice of the application was published in The Daily Record, July 4, 1997. No protests were filed; therefore, we process this application pursuant to the Commission's Rule of Modified Procedure.

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

SmarTalk provides intrastate interexchange services in Nebraska pursuant to Application C-1232, entered by the Commission on December 5, 1995. GTI has not filed with the Commission, nor obtained a certificate of public convenience and necessity to provide intrastate telecommunications services. GTI is a Florida corporation, based in Winter Park, Florida that provides debit card services.

SmarTalk acquired GTI pursuant to an Agreement and Plan of Merger dated May 31, 1997. The agreement was approved by shareholders of both companies. GTI will operate as a wholly-owned subsidiary of SmarTalk. The name GTI will not be used except as such name appears on debit cards already in circulation. The merger should cause no disruption in service for customers.

Upon consideration of the application, the governing statutes and rules, and being fully informed, the Commission is of the opinion and finds the application should be granted.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that Application C-1588 be, and it is hereby granted.

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MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 12th day of August, 1997.

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING: NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION



Chairman



ATTEST:

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



Executive Director