## BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

| In the Matter of the Application | ) Application No. C-1599    |
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| of KCI Long Distance, Inc.,      | )                           |
| of Syracuse, New York, seeking   | )                           |
| authority to operate as a resale | ) GRANTED                   |
| carrier of intrastate interLATA  | )                           |
| and intraLATA interexchange      | )                           |
| telecommunications services      | )                           |
| within the state of Nebraska.    | ) Entered: October 21, 1997 |

BY THE COMMISSION:

## OPINION AND FINDINGS

By application filed July 31, 1997, KCI Long Distance, Inc., ("KCI" or "Applicant") of Syracuse, New York, seeks authority to provide intraLATA and interLATA interexchange telecommunications services in Nebraska. Notice of the application appeared in The Daily Record on August 1, 1997. No protests were filed; therefore, this application was administered pursuant to the Commission's Rules of Modified Procedure.

KCI was incorporated under the laws of the state of New York on December 2, 1991, and received a certificate of authority to transact business in Nebraska as a foreign corporation on May 14, 1996. Applicant has filed for and plans to become certificated in 32 states. Applicant has authority to operate in the remaining 18 states. No state has denied applicant a certificate of authority.

KCI's communications network in Nebraska will utilize the telecommunications facilities of WilTel and other carriers certificated with the Commission. The company's name and customer service number are printed on all its bills. In addition, applicant has a toll-free 800 number for customer service.

KCI will offer a full range of 1+ interexchange telecommunications, 800 services, WATS, travel card, and prepaid calling card services statewide to both residential and business customers.

Financial statements submitted by the applicant indicate that profitability has been achieved as of June 30, 1997.

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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, the Commission finds: 1) Applicant has provided all the information required by the Commission; 2) Applicant has adequate financial resources to provide the proposed service; 3) Applicant possesses adequate technical competency to provide the proposed service; and 4) The application should be granted.

## ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that Application No. C-1599 be, and it is hereby, granted and KCI Long Distance, 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 a tariff within thirty days.

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.

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MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska this 21st day of October, 1997.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

//s//Rod Johnson

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

Chairman