

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application) Application No. C-1605
of OpTex, Inc., Dublin, Ohio, and)
Claremont Technology Group, Inc.,)
Beaverton, Oregon, seeking author-) GRANTED
ity for the acquisition of OpTex)
by Claremont.) Entered: September 15, 1997

BY THE COMMISSION:

On August 11, 1997, an application was filed by OpTex, Inc. (OpTex) of Dublin, Ohio, and Claremont Technology Group, Inc. (Claremont) of Beaverton, Oregon, seeking authority for the acquisition of OpTex by Claremont. Notice of the application was published in The Daily Record, August 13, 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

OpTex received a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to provide intrastate telecommunications services on August 27, 1996, in Application C-1331. Currently, no formal or departmental complaints are pending against OpTex. Claremont is a publicly-held company and is not certificated to provide intrastate telecommunications services in Nebraska.

The application requests authority for Claremont to acquire OpTex. To facilitate the transaction, Claremont has formed a new subsidiary, Claremont Acquisition Corporation (CAC). CAC will merge with and into OpTex, with OpTex being the surviving entity. Following completion of the merger, CAC will cease to exist. A copy of the merger was included in the application.

The transaction will not change the operations, quality of service or rates of OpTex. Since OpTex has not formally commenced operations in Nebraska, no customers will be affected by this transaction. OpTex will continue to be the certificated intrastate telecommunications carrier. Only the underlying ownership will change as a result of the merger.

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.

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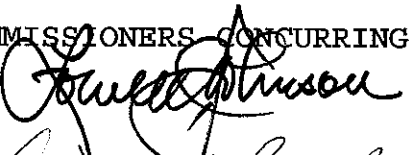

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IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that Application C-1605 be, and it is hereby, granted.


MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 15th day of September, 1997.

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

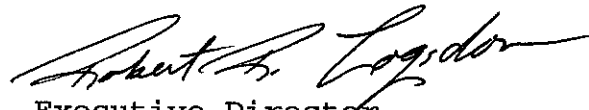



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NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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ATTEST:


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