

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of Group Long Dis-) Application No. C-1610
tance, Inc., Fort Lauderdale,)
Florida, seeking authority to)
acquire control of Eastern Tele-) GRANTED
communications Incorporated, New)
York, New York.) Entered: September 23, 1997

BY THE COMMISSION:

On August 14, 1997, an application was filed by Group Long Distance, Inc. (GLD) of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, seeking approval to acquire control of Eastern Telecommunications Incorporated (Eastern) of New York, New York. Notice of the application was published in The Daily Record, August 15, 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

GLD received a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to provide intrastate telecommunications services on November 5, 1996, in Application C-1404. Currently, no formal or departmental complaints are pending against GLD. Eastern is authorized to provide intrastate telecommunications services in Nebraska pursuant to Application C-1395.

The application requests authority for GLD to acquire Eastern. Eastern would then become a wholly-owned subsidiary of GLD. GLD will acquire all of the issued and outstanding stock of Eastern.

The transaction will not change the operations, quality of service or rates of GLD or Eastern, thereby being virtually transparent to customers. Eastern will continue to operate under its own name and will remain the holder of its certificate.

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-1610 be, and it is hereby, granted.

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MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 23rd day of September, 1997.

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

//s//Rod Johnson

//s//Frank E. Landis

//s//Daniel G. Urwiller

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Chairman



ATTEST:


Executive Director