

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application of) Application No. C-1613
NTI Telecom, Inc., of Las Vegas,)
Nevada, seeking authority to operate)
as a resale carrier of intrastate) GRANTED
interLATA and intraLATA interex-)
change telecommunications services)
and operator service provider with-)
in the state of Nebraska.) Entered: September 30, 1997

BY THE COMMISSION:

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

By application filed August 18, 1997, NTI Telecom, Inc., (NTI) of Las Vegas, Nevada seeks authority to provide intraLATA and interLATA interexchange telecommunications services and operator service provider in Nebraska. Notice of the application appeared in The Daily Record on August 20, 1997. No protests were filed; therefore, this application was administered pursuant to the Commission's Rules of Modified Procedure.

NTI was organized in the state of Nevada as a corporation on January 27, 1997. Applicant has authority to operate in five states.

NTI's communications network in Nebraska will utilize existing telecommunications facilities of underlying certificated carriers. The company's name and customer service number are printed on all its bills. In addition, Z-Tel has a toll-free 800 number for customer service. The billing for applicant's customers will be performed by FTT.

NTI will offer 1+, 800, travel card, directory assistance and operator services statewide to both residential and business customers.

Due to the time frame of incorporation, annual financial statements for the previous three years of operations were not available. Financials submitted by the applicant included those of the parent company, NetTel, whose consolidated statements revealed a minimal operating loss. Staff made additional inquiries of the company to ascertain financial fitness. The applicant presented a

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three year operating cash flow summary and a business plan summary for its operations.

The staff review of the applicant's operating cash flow summary and business plan indicates profitability will be achieved during the latter half of 1997. The underlying assumptions and strategies presented in the business plan for profitability appear reasonable.

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 access to 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.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that Application No. C-1613 be, and it is hereby, granted and NTI Telcom, Inc., is hereby authorized to operate as a resale carrier of intrastate interexchange intraLATA and interLATA telecommunications services and operator service provider 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.

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IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that applicant file an updated 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.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska this 30th day of September, 1997.

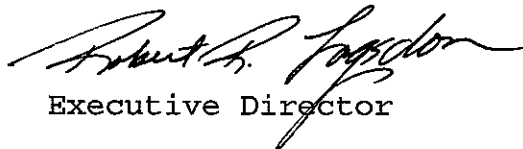
COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:



//s//Lowell C. Johnson
//s//Frank E. Landis


Vice Chairman

ATTEST:


Executive Director

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