

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application) Application No. C-1736
of Network Long Distance, Inc. and)
National Teleservice, Inc. of)
Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and Winona,) GRANTED
Minnesota, respectively, seeking)
approval of a merger.) Entered: February 18, 1998

BY THE COMMISSION:

On January 12, 1998, an application was filed jointly by Network Long Distance, Inc. (Network) and National Teleservice, Inc. (NTI) of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and Winona, Minnesota, respectively, seeking approval for a merger. Notice of the application was published in The Daily Record, January 14, 1998. 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

Network received a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to provide intrastate interexchange services on September 13, 1994, in Application C-1081. Network is a publicly-held Delaware corporation with principal offices located in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. NTI was certificated to provide interexchange telecommunications services in Nebraska on May 23, 1995, in Application No. C-1169.

The applicants request approval for NTI to be merged with and into Network. NTI will cease to exist after the merger, with Network remaining as the surviving corporation.

By virtue of this transaction, Network expects to realize significant economic, marketing and administrative efficiencies. It is anticipated the merger will result in cost savings due to discounts on quantity ordering of materials and services and will streamline services for customers.

Network intends to notify all NTI customers of the transaction and of any changes in rates or services. Upon consummation of the merger, Network will amend its tariff to include those services presently offered by NTI.

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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IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that Application C-1736 be, and it is hereby, granted.

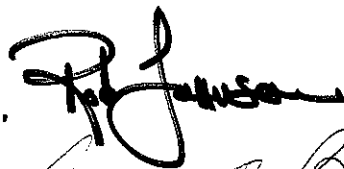
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Network Long Distance, Inc. file a revised tariff within thirty days from the date of this order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity previously issued to National Teleservice, Inc. in Application No. C-1169 be, and it is hereby, revoked.

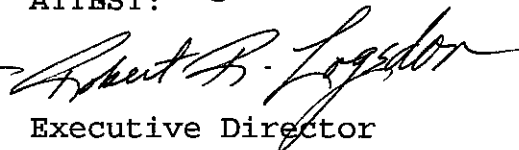
MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 18th day of February, 1998.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:


Chairman

ATTEST:


Executive Director

//s//Lowell C. Johnson
//s//Frank E. Landis
//s//Daniel G. Urwiller