

SECRETARY'S RECORD, NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application) Application No. C-1739
of Pride America, Inc. of)
Sarasota, Florida, seeking)
authority to operate as a) GRANTED
resale carrier of intrastate)
interLATA and intraLATA)
telecommunications services)
within the state of Nebraska.) Entered: March 10, 1998

BY THE COMMISSION:

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

By application filed January 20, 1998, Pride America, Inc. ("Pride America" or "Applicant") of Sarasota, Florida, seeks authority to provide interLATA and intraLATA resold interexchange telecommunications services in Nebraska. Notice of the application appeared in The Daily Record on January 22, 1998. No protests were filed; therefore, this application was administered pursuant to the Commission's Rules of Modified Procedure.

Pride America was incorporated under the laws of the state of Delaware on February 14, 1997. Applicant has received authorization from the Nebraska Secretary of State to conduct business in Nebraska. Applicant plans to offer 1+, travel card and prepaid calling card services throughout Nebraska. Applicant filed evidence demonstrating its technical competency. A balance sheet as of July 23, 1997, was filed to indicate that Applicant has adequate financial resources with which to operate. However, since Applicant has not been operating since its inception in February, 1997, it will be required to file quarterly financial reports with the Commission for a one-year period beginning with the first full quarter of operations.

Applicant's communications network in Nebraska will utilize the telecommunications facilities of UniDial and other carriers certificated with the Commission.

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.

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IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that Application No. C-1739 be, and it is hereby, granted and Pride America, Inc. is hereby authorized to operate as a resale carrier of intrastate interexchange interLATA and intraLATA 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 and, (c) a copy of the latest Form 10-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission. If applicant is unable to file items (a), (b) and (c), it shall submit a copy of its balance sheet and income statement for the previous year of operation and schedules showing telephone plant and equipment located within the state, accumulated depreciation thereon, operating revenues, operating expenses, and taxes applicable to Nebraska operations or a statement that no operations were conducted.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that applicant file its current tariff prior to offering service pursuant to the certificate granted in this order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that applicant file quarterly financial reports for a one-year period beginning with the first full quarter of operations. Each quarterly statement shall be due 30 days after the end of the quarter.

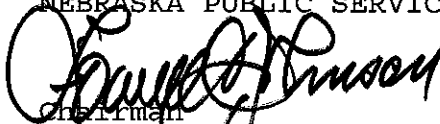
IT IS FINALLY ORDERED that this order be, and it is hereby made, the Commission's official certificate of authority to furnish the service authorized herein as a common carrier.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 10th day of March, 1998.

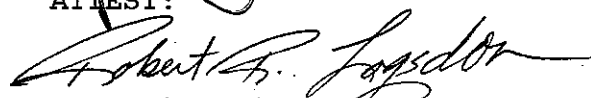
COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

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//s//Daniel G. Urwiller

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


Chairman

ATTEST:


Executive Director