BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application of)	Application No. C-1804	
WorldPort Communications, Inc.)	* •	
of Houston, Texas, seeking)	GRANTED	
authority to purchase Telenational)		
Communications L.P. of Omaha,)		
Nebraska.)	ENTERED: January 13, 199	9

BY THE COMMISSION:

By application filed April 21, 1998, WorldPort Communications, Inc. (WorldPort), of Houston, Texas seeking authority to purchase Telenational Communications L.P. (Telenational) of Omaha, Nebraska. Notice of the application was published in The Daily Record, Omaha, Nebraska, April 29, 1998, pursuant to the rules of the Commission. No protests were filed; therefore, the Commission processes this application pursuant to its rule of modified procedure.

OPINION AND FINDINGS

Telenational received a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to provide interexchange telecommunications services within the state of Nebraska on July 11, 1989 in Application No. C-774.

WorldPort received a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to provide interexchange telecommunications services within the State of Nebraska on December 1, 1998, in Application No. C-1916.

Telenational and WorldPort entered into an agreement whereby WorldPort agreed to purchase Telenational, making it a wholly-owned subsidiary of WorldPort.

Telenational and WorldPort will continue to act as independent companies. Each company will continue to file separate tariffs and all required annual filings. The transfer of control will be transparent to Telenational's customers in Nebraska, since there will be no change to customer billing, customer service, or the day-to-day management of its operations.

The transfer of control of Telenational to WorldPort is in the public interest because each of the companies will target different segments within Nebraska, thus providing residents with additional options in their telecommunications services.

Based on the evidence, we find the application to be fair and reasonable and in the public interest. The application should be granted.

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ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that Application No. C-1804 be, and it is hereby, granted.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 13th day of January, 1999.

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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