

SECRETARY'S RECORD, NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application) Application No. C-1822
of Benkelman Telephone Company,)
Inc., d/b/a BWTelcom Long Distance)
of Benkelman, Nebraska, seeking)
authority to operate as an) GRANTED
interexchange carrier of)
telecommunications services)
within the state of Nebraska.) Entered: July 21, 1998

BY THE COMMISSION:

By application filed June 3, 1998, Benkelman Telephone Company, Inc., d/b/a BWTelcom Long Distance (Applicant) of Benkelman, Nebraska, seeks authority to provide intraLATA and interLATA resold interexchange telecommunications services in Nebraska. Notice of the application appeared in The Daily Record on June 5, 1998. No protests were filed; therefore, this application was administered pursuant to the Commission's Rules of Modified Procedure.

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

Applicant is a privately-held corporation organized under the laws of the state of Nebraska on May 9, 1960. Applicant plans to offer 1+ MTS services, 800/888 services and directory services on a resale basis throughout Nebraska. Applicant filed evidence demonstrating its technical and financial competency.

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.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that Application No. C-1822 be, and it is hereby, granted and Benkelman Telephone Company, Inc., d/b/a BWTelcom Long Distance is hereby authorized to operate as a resale carrier of

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intrastate interexchange intraLATA and interLATA 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.

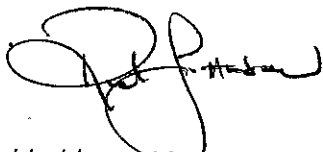
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that applicant file its current tariff prior to offering service pursuant to the certificate granted in this order.

IT IS 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.

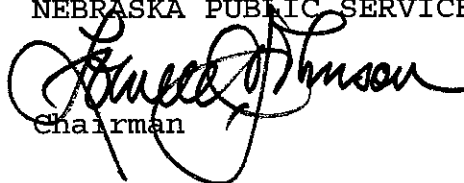
MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 21st day of July, 1998.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:



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


Chairman

ATTEST:


Deputy Director