

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application ) Application No. C-1870  
of Premiere Communications, Inc. )  
of Atlanta, Georgia, seeking ) GRANTED  
authority to acquire the assets )  
of National Collegiate, Inc. of )  
Bloomington, Indiana. ) Entered: September 10, 1998

BY THE COMMISSION:

By application filed July 29, 1998, Premiere Communications, Inc. (Premiere) of Atlanta, Georgia, seeks authority to acquire the assets of National Collegiate, Inc. (NCI) and cancel NCI's certificate and tariff. Notice of the application was published in The Daily Record, Omaha, Nebraska, July 31, 1998, pursuant to the Rules of the Commission. No protests were filed.

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

Premiere is a Florida corporation and is the primary regulated and operating subsidiary within the Premiere Technologies, Inc. family of companies. Premiere provides calling card and travel card services, permitting subscribers to obtain access information and telecommunications services utilizing a toll-free telephone number. Premiere is authorized to operate as a resale carrier of intrastate interexchange telecommunications services within the state of Nebraska, pursuant to Application No. C-1262, granted on May 21, 1996.

NCI is an Indiana corporation. NCI is a switchless telecommunications reseller providing intrastate, long distance, and calling card services pursuant to Application No. C-1724, granted on March 10, 1998.

Premiere and NCI entered into an asset purchase agreement, whereby Premiere acquired substantially all of the assets of NCI that permit it to provide long distance calling card services. Premiere will own and operate NCI's assets to provide long distance services to customers in Nebraska. NCI will cease offering telecommunications services in Nebraska.

Premiere will offer services under the same terms and conditions that customers purchased from NCI. Premiere will provide NCI customers with written notification of its acquisition of NCI's assets and provide customers with the opportunity to cancel their service at no charge if they choose not to obtain long distance calling card services from Premiere. Premiere will use NCI's customer service number to respond to customer inquiries, complaints, or cancellation of service.

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

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that Application No. C-1870 be, and it is hereby, granted.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity granted in Application No. C-1724 be, and is hereby, cancelled.

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

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

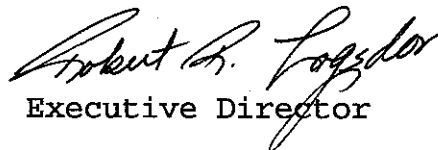
NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION



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//s//Frank E. Landis  
//s//Daniel G. Urwiller

  
Chairman

ATTEST:

  
Executive Director