BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application) Application No. C-2046
of F & S Fiber Systems, L.L.C., of)
Kearney, Nebraska, seeking authority)
to expand its certificate to provide) GRANTED
intrastate interexchange telecommun-)
ications services in the State of)
Nebraska.) Entered: July 8, 1999

BY THE COMMISSION:

By application filed May 5, 1999, F & S Fiber Systems, L.L.C. (Applicant) of Kearney, Nebraska, seeks authority to expand its certificate to provide intrastate interexchange telecommunications services in Nebraska. Notice of the application was published in The Daily Record, Omaha, Nebraska, on May 7, 1999. No protests were filed; therefore, this application is processed pursuant to the Commission's Rule of Modified Procedure.

OPINION AND FINDINGS

On March 16, 1998, pursuant to Application No. C-1635, the Commission granted the applicant authority to provide intrastate interexchange services to educational service units, schools, libraries and health care providers within certain areas of Nebraska. Applicant was explicitly precluded from offering the proposed services to businesses. On May 5, 1998, the Commission rescinded the limitations of the March 16, 1998 order and granted the Applicant authority to provide intrastate interexchange telecommunications services to businesses within the territory set forth in the original application.

Applicant now seeks authority to expand its certificate to provide such services in Nebraska on a statewide basis. The expansion of Applicant's service territory will promote the public interest by making Applicant's services available to more Nebraska residents. Furthermore, the Applicant has demonstrated sufficient financial, managerial and technical capabilities to offer the authorized services on a statewide basis. The Commission is of the opinion the application should be granted.

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that Application No. C-2046 be, and it is hereby, granted and F & S Fiber Systems, L.L.C. of Kearney, Nebraska, is hereby authorized to expand its certificate to provide intrastate interexchange telecommunications services in the State of Nebraska.

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MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this $8^{\rm th}$ day of July, 1999.

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

ATTEST:

//s//Lowell C. Johnson Executive Director //s//Frank E. Landis