

SECRETARY'S RECORD, NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Joint Appli- ) Application No. C-2249  
cation for the approval of the )  
sale of assets associated with )  
U.S. Republic Communications, ) GRANTED  
Inc. of Lancaster, Texas, to )  
Alliance Group Services, Inc. )  
of Westport, Connecticut. ) Entered: May 24, 2000

BY THE COMMISSION:

By joint application filed March 22, 2000, approval is sought for the sale of assets associated with U.S. Republic Communications, Inc. (USRC) of Lancaster, Texas, to Alliance Group Services, Inc. (Alliance) of Westport, Connecticut. Notice of the application was published in The Daily Record, Omaha, Nebraska, on March 24, 2000. No protests were filed; therefore, this application is processed pursuant to the Commission's Rule of Modified Procedure.

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

USRC is a privately-held provider of resold interexchange telecommunications services in Nebraska (see Application No. C-1496, granted on May 12, 1997). Alliance is also authorized to provide resold interexchange telecommunications services in Nebraska (see Application No. C-1872, granted on October 7, 1998). Both USRC and Alliance provide telecommunications services in numerous states across the country utilizing the network of AT&T.

USRC and Alliance have entered into an agreement whereby Alliance has agreed to purchase certain assets of USRC, including USRC's existing customer base. This exchange should be virtually transparent to USRC's customers. Upon acquiring the customers of USRC, Alliance will continue to provide service to those customers under the same rates, terms and conditions they previously received from USRC. As both parties utilize AT&T's network in providing service, customers should experience no disruption in the quality of service received.

Alliance also proposes to conduct business in Nebraska under the name U.S. Republic Communications, in addition to its current corporate name Alliance Group Services, Inc. The use of the USRC name by Alliance will further ensure the transition of USRC's customers to Alliance with minimal inconvenience, disruption or confusion for those customers.

Upon consummation of the transfer of assets, which will result in USRC no longer providing service to any customers in Nebraska, USRC further requests that their certificate be canceled. The Commission is of the opinion that USRC's request should be honored and their certificate should be canceled.

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Upon consideration of the application, the governing statutes and rules and being fully informed, the Commission is of the opinion and finds the application should be granted.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that Application No. C-2249 be, and it is hereby, granted and the sale of assets of U.S. Republic Communications, Inc. to Alliance Group Services, Inc. is approved.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Alliance file an updated tariff with the Commission within 30 days of the date of this order reflecting any changes resulting from the sale of assets.

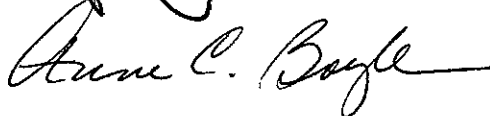
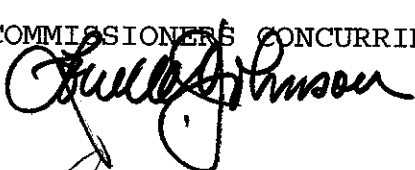
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Alliance is authorized to operate in Nebraska under the name U.S. Republic Communications.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the certificate of operating authority issued in Application No. C-1496 be, and it is hereby, canceled.


MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 24th day of May, 2000.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:



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

  
Chairman

ATTEST:

  
Executive Director