

SECRETARY'S RECORD, NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application ) Application No. C-2258  
of Total Communications, Inc. of )  
Curtis, Nebraska, seeking author- )  
ity to operate as an inter- ) GRANTED  
exchange carrier of telecommuni- )  
cations services within the state )  
of Nebraska. ) Entered: July 11, 2000

BY THE COMMISSION:

By application filed March 31, 2000, Total Communications, Inc. (TCI) of Curtis, Nebraska, seeks authority to operate as an interexchange carrier of telecommunications services in the state of Nebraska. Notice of the application was published in The Daily Record, Omaha, Nebraska, on April 4, 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

TCI is a Nebraska corporation and a wholly-owned subsidiary of Curtis Telephone Company, a certificated local exchange carrier in Nebraska. TCI proposes to offer switched and dedicated access "1+" long distance telecommunications services suitable for voice and data applications throughout the entire state of Nebraska. Such services will be made available to both residences and business, and TCI will provide these services using its own facilities as well as the facilities of other certificated carriers in the state. When providing services over its own facilities, TCI will be dependent on the extensive technical expertise of the employees of Curtis Telephone Company, its parent company. TCI will offer customers service through a local number, and such assistance will be available to customers 24 hours per day, 7 days per week.

Interexchange reseller applications are subject to Commission jurisdiction under Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 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 TCI has provided all the information required by the Commission, possesses adequate financial resources to provide the proposed service, and possesses adequate technical competency to provide the proposed service. The application should be granted.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that Application No. C-2258 be, and it is hereby, granted and Total Communications, Inc., is authorized to operate as an interexchange carrier of 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

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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 these are not available, applicant shall submit a balance sheet and income statement for the previous year of operation, as well as the investment made in telephone plant and equipment located within the state, accumulated depreciation thereon, operating revenues and expenses, and taxes.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, to the extent applicable, the applicant shall comply with all laws pertaining to, and all rules and regulations promulgated under, the Telecommunications Relay System Act under Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 86-1302 to 86-1307 and the Nebraska Telecommunications Universal Service Fund Act under Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 86-1402 to 86-1410.

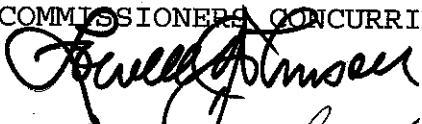
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that applicant file its current tariff prior to offering service pursuant to the certificate granted in this order.

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 11th day of July, 2000.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:



//s//Rod Johnson

//s//Frank E. Landis

//s//Daniel G. Urwiller

  
Chairman

ATTEST:

  
Deputy Director