

SECRETARY'S RECORD, NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application) Application No. C-2270
of FirstTel, Inc. of Dallas,)
Texas, seeking authority to) GRANTED
change its name to Ionex)
Communications North, Inc.) Entered: May 31, 2000

BY THE COMMISSION:

On April 10, 2000, an application was filed by FirstTel, Inc. (FirstTel) of Dallas, Texas, seeking authority to change its name to Ionex Communications North, Inc. Notice of the application was published in The Daily Record, Omaha, Nebraska, on April 12, 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

FirstTel, a South Dakota corporation, received authority from this Commission on April 29, 1997, to provide competitive local exchange services (Docket No. C-1380), and received authority to provide resold intrastate interexchange services on February 8, 1994 (Docket No. C-1029). On October 19, 1999, pursuant to Docket No. C-2095, this Commission approved the transfer of FirstTel to Ionex Telecommunications, Inc., an un-certificated Delaware corporation. No formal or departmental complaints are pending against FirstTel.

FirstTel requests authority to change its name to Ionex Communications North, Inc. The proposed name change will not affect the applicant's financial, technical or managerial capabilities. FirstTel will notify their customers of the name change by a notification letter or bill insert. FirstTel has obtained authority from the Secretary of State to change its name to Ionex Communications North, Inc.

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

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that Application No. C-2270 be, and it is hereby, granted and FirstTel, Inc. is authorized to change its name to Ionex Communications North, Inc.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that FirstTel file an updated tariff reflecting the change in name within 30 days of the date of this order.

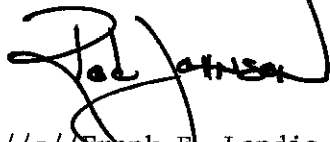
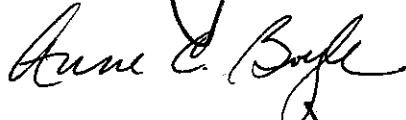

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MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 31st day of May, 2000.

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COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:



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


Chairman

ATTEST:


Executive Director