

SECRETARY'S RECORD, NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application) Application No. C-2285
of Southern Kansas Telephone)
Company, Inc., d/b/a SKT World)
Link of Clearwater, Kansas,)
seeking authority to obtain a)
Certificate of Public Convenience) GRANTED
and Necessity to operate as a)
reseller of interLATA and intra-)
LATA interexchange telecommuni-)
cations services statewide in)
Nebraska.) Entered: June 6, 2000

BY THE COMMISSION:

By application filed April 27, 2000, Southern Kansas Telephone Company, Inc., d/b/a SKT World Link (SKT or Applicant) of Clearwater, Kansas, seeking authority to obtain a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to operate as a reseller of interLATA and intraLATA interexchange telecommunications services statewide in Nebraska. Notice of the application was published in The Daily Record, Omaha, Nebraska, on April 28, 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

SKT is a privately-held Kansas corporation and has received authority to conduct business in Nebraska from the Secretary of State. SKT has more than 50 years of experience in providing telecommunications services, operating as a local exchange carrier in Kansas and also recently receiving authority to provide interexchange service in Kansas. Two affiliates of SKT, Dalton Telephone Company and Elsie Telephone Company, are authorized to provide local exchange service in Nebraska. Thus, SKT possesses considerable expertise in the telecommunications industry.

SKT proposes to offer "800" service, dedicated and switched access services and travel cards/operator assisted services throughout the entire state of Nebraska. Although SKT seeks statewide authority, SKT initially plans to offer services only in the territories of its affiliates, Dalton and Elsie. SKT is a non-facilities-based carrier in Nebraska and will utilize the facilities of existing certificated carriers. SKT filed evidence demonstrating sufficient financial ability.

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 applicant 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.

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O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that Application No. C-2285 be, and it is hereby, granted and Southern Kansas Telephone Company, Inc., d/b/a SKT World Link is authorized to operate as an reseller of interLATA and intraLATA interexchange 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 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 (Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 86-1302 to 86-1307) and the Nebraska Telecommunications Universal Service Fund Act (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.

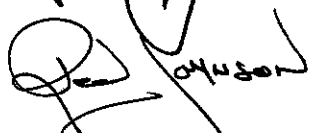
IT IS FINALLY ORDERED that this order be, and it is hereby made, the Commission's official certificate of authority to furnish the service authorized herein as a common carrier.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 6th day of June, 2000.

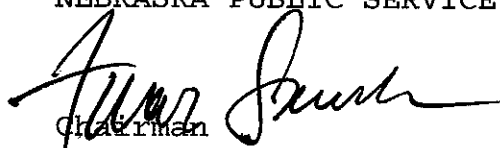
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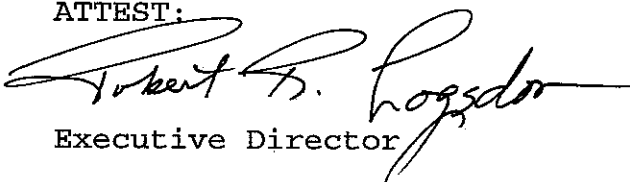




//s//Frank E. Landis


Chairman

ATTEST:


Executive Director