

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application     ) Application No. C-2602  
of AS Telecommunications, Inc. of     )  
Santa Barbara, California seeking     )  
approval of the transfer of their     ) GRANTED  
long distance customer base to         )  
OneStar Long Distance, Inc. of         )  
Evansville, Indiana.                    ) Entered: November 6, 2001

BY THE COMMISSION:

By application filed September 20, 2001, AS Telecommunications, Inc. (Applicant) of Santa Barbara, California, seeks approval of the transfer of their long distance customer base to OneStar Long Distance, Inc. (OneStar) of Evansville, Indiana. Notice of the application was published in The Daily Record, Omaha, Nebraska, on September 21, 2001. 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

Applicant is an Arizona corporation that has its headquarters in Santa Barbara, California. Applicant is a nationwide provider of telecommunications services and is authorized to provide long distance services in 38 jurisdictions. In Nebraska, the applicant was granted authority to provide long distance telecommunications services on March 19, 1996, pursuant to Application No. C-1285.

OneStar Long Distance, Inc. is a privately-held Indiana corporation with headquarters in Evansville, Indiana. OneStar is a nationwide provider of telecommunications services and is authorized to provide long distance service in 49 jurisdictions, as well as local service in 18 states. In Nebraska, OneStar was granted authority to provide intrastate long distance telecommunications services on August 9, 1994, pursuant to Application No. C-1071.

Applicant has chosen to transfer its long distance customer base and other select assets to OneStar. Accordingly, the parties have executed an asset purchase agreement. A copy of this agreement is included with the application. The transfer will result in minimal changes in the rates, terms and conditions of the applicant's Nebraska customers in terms of the service that they will receive.

The applicant states that this transaction will be in the public interest because it promotes competition among providers of long distance telecommunications by combining the financial resources, managerial skill and experience of OneStar with the customer base of the applicant. The parties anticipate that the transfer will result in a company that is better equipped to accelerate its growth as a competitive telecommunications service provider. The transaction will allow the customer base access to expanded services and a financially viable carrier. Customers will be informed of

the transfer via a letter from the parties. A copy of the proposed letter is included with the application.

Upon consideration of the application, we find that the proposed transfer of customers from applicant to OneStar is in the public interest and should be approved. Applicant and OneStar have kept their customers well informed of their choices regarding the transfer and customers should not experience any disruption of service. However, should any customer wish to change carriers as a result of this transaction, the parties shall pay any PIC fee associated with the change. In light of the above considerations, the application should be approved.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that Application No. C-2602 be, and it is hereby, granted and AS Telecommunications, Inc. is authorized to transfer their long distance customer base to OneStar Long Distance, Inc.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that if any customer wishes to change carriers as a result of this transaction, the parties shall pay any PIC fee associated with this change.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the certificate granted to AS Telecommunication, Inc. in Application No. C-1285 be canceled.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 6th day of November, 2001.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE

COMMISSION  
COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chairman

ATTEST:

Executive Director