

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application) Application No. C-2612
of Hooper Telephone Company and)
HTC Communications Inc., dba)
Hooper Telephone Company, both of) GRANTED
Remsen, Iowa, seeking authority to)
change their names to WestTel)
Systems.) Entered: December 4, 2001

BY THE COMMISSION:

On October 24, 2001, an application was filed by Hooper Telephone Company (Hooper) and HTC Communications Inc., dba Hooper Telephone Company (HTC), both of Remsen, Iowa, seeking authority to change their names to WestTel Systems. Notice of the application was published in The Daily Record, Omaha, Nebraska, on October 25, 2001.

No protests were filed; therefore, 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

HTC was authorized to provide service as an interexchange carrier in the state of Nebraska on September 1, 1998, pursuant to Application No. C-1862. Hooper is authorized to provide local services in the state of Nebraska.

The West Iowa Telephone Company (West Iowa) is the majority shareholder of Hooper. HTC is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Hooper.

The Board of Directors wish to operate all of its companies under the name WestTel Systems.

The applicants have received authority from the Secretary of State to use the new name. In addition, the name change will not adversely affect the company's significant financial, technical or managerial capabilities.

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-2612 be, and it is hereby, granted and Hooper Telephone Company and HTC Communications Inc., dba Hooper Telephone Long Distance Company, are authorized to change their names to WestTel Systems.

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

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 4th day of December, 2001.

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING: NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Chairman

ATTEST:

Executive Director