

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application) Application No. C-2615
of PNG Telecommunications, Inc.,)
dba PowerNet Global Communications)
of Cincinnati, Ohio, seeking) GRANTED
authority to transfer customers)
of Atlantic Telephone to its)
customer base.) Entered December 4, 2001

BY THE COMMISSION:

By application filed, October 12, 2001, PNG Telecommunications, Inc., dba PowerNet Global Communications (PowerNet) of Cincinnati, Ohio, seeks authority to transfer the customers of Atlantic Telephone to its customer base. Notice of this application was published in The Daily Record, Omaha, Nebraska, on October 16, 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

Description of the Parties:

PowerNet is a reseller of intraLATA toll and interexchange telecommunications services in the state of Nebraska pursuant to Application No. C-1406, granted on January 21, 1997.

Atlantic Telephone Company, (ATEL) provides non-facilities based, resold, intraLATA and interLATA telecommunications services in Nebraska to approximately 200 customers.

Nature of the Transaction:

In the proposed transaction, PowerNet will purchase the customer base of ATEL on a cash basis. On September 10, PowerNet sent a letter to the affected customers of ATEL, explaining the transfer and assuring them that the service and rates they had with ATEL will continue with PowerNet. The customers were also reminded that they were under no obligation to take service from PowerNet and that they were free to choose another provider. A copy of this letter was sent with the application.

PowerNet has filed the required notice to the Common Carrier Bureau of the Federal Communications Commission on September 12, 2001, in accordance with the FCC's rules.

PowerNet believes that its application is in the public interest and that the notice they have provided to affected ATEL customers will assure that all customers are adequately informed to protect their interests as telecommunications consumers. PowerNet will pay any primary interLATA carrier charges that consumers might be charged as a result of this transaction.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that Application No. C-2615 be, and it is hereby, granted.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the applicant shall pay any customer's primary interLATA carrier charges as a result of this transaction.

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

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Nebraska Public Service Commission

Chairman

ATTEST:

Executive Director