

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application) Application No. C-2617
of El Paso Networks, L.L.C. of)
Houston, Texas, seeking authority)
to operate as an interexchange) GRANTED
carrier of telecommunications)
services within the state of)
Nebraska.) Entered December 4, 2001

BY THE COMMISSION:

By application filed October 15, 2001, El Paso Networks, L.L.C. (El Paso) of Houston, Texas, seeks authority to operate as an interexchange carrier of telecommunications services within the state of Nebraska. Notice of the 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

El Paso is a limited-liability company formed on November 30, 2000, under the laws of the state of Delaware. El Paso has been authorized by the Secretary of State to transact business in the state of Nebraska. At no time has a formal complaint been filed against the applicant or any of its officers or managers with any federal or state regulatory agency.

El Paso plans to provide resold and facilities-based dedicated and private line interexchange telecommunications services to and from all points in the state of Nebraska.

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 El Paso 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.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that Application No. C-2617 be, and it is hereby, granted and El Paso Networks, L.L.C., is authorized to operate as an interexchange carrier of 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 day of 4th day of December, 2001.

COMMISSION
COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE

Chairman

ATTEST:

Executive Director