

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application)	Application No. C-2636
of Concert Communications Sales)	
L.L.C. of Reston, Virginia, seeking)	
authority for transfer of)	
ownership from joint ultimate)	
ownership by British)	GRANTED
Telecommunications plc, London,)	
England and AT&T Corporation,)	
Basking Ridge, New Jersey, to sole)	
ultimate ownership by BT Group plc,)	
London, England, and British)	
Telecommunications plc.)	ENTERED: January 8, 2002

BY THE COMMISSION:

On November 29, 2001, an application was filed by Concert Communications Sales L.L.C. (Concert) of Reston, Virginia seeking authority for transfer of ownership from joint ultimate ownership by British Telecommunications plc, London, England, and AT&T Corporation, Basking Ridge, New Jersey, to sole ultimate ownership by BT Group plc, London, England, and British Telecommunications plc.

Notice of the application was published in The Daily Record, Omaha, Nebraska, on December 3, 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

Concert was formed in 1999 as a joint venture of AT&T Corp. and British Telecommunications plc (BT) to provide global telecommunications services to large multinational enterprises. Concert was granted authority by this Commission to operate as a competitive local exchange carrier on June 15, 1999, pursuant to Application No. C-2042, and to provide intrastate and interexchange services on June 15, 1999, pursuant to Application No. C-2025.

Pursuant to an agreement dated October 15, 2001, AT&T and BT will dissolve their joint venture with BT becoming the 100 percent indirect owner of Concert. Consequently, in lieu of being 50 percent owned by each of AT&T and BT, Concert will become a wholly-owned direct subsidiary of BT North American Inc. Concert will continue to be the holder of the authorities granted to it by the Commission.

Concert's name and service offerings will not change as a result of the transaction. Concert currently does not provide intrastate service to any customers in the state of Nebraska.

Based on the evidence, we find the application to be fair and reasonable and in the public interest. The application should be granted.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that Application No. C-2636 be, and it is hereby, granted.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 8th day of January, 2002.

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING: NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Chair

ATTEST:

Executive Director