

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Joint) Application No. C-2660
Application of Weston)
Telecommunications, L.L.C and)
Easton Telecom Services, Inc.) GRANTED
both of Richfield, Ohio, seeking)
approval from Weston to acquire)
certain assets from Easton.) Entered: April 2, 2002

BY THE COMMISSION:

On January 22, 2002, a joint application was filed by Weston Telecommunication, L.L.C. (Weston) and Easton Telecom Services, Inc. (Easton), both of Richfield, Ohio, seeking approval for Weston to acquire certain assets from Easton. Notice of the application was published in The Daily Record, Omaha, Nebraska, on January 23, 2002. 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

The Parties:

Easton is an Ohio corporation, with its principal offices located in Richfield, Ohio. Easton was granted long distance authority on September 24, 1996, pursuant to Application No. C-1364 and local authority on April 7, 1998, pursuant to Application No. C-1713.

Weston is a limited liability company organized under the laws of the State of Ohio, with its principal headquarters located in Richfield, Ohio. Weston was formed to purchase the assets of Easton.

The Transaction:

Pursuant to an Asset Purchase Agreement, approved by the Bankruptcy Court on or about November 16, 2001, Easton agreed to sell to Weston, and Weston agreed to purchase (a) the right to provision certain Easton telecommunications customers with telecommunications and ancillary services; (b) the right to receive payments from Easton customers; (c) the right to receive accounts receivable from such Easton customers; (d) the right to use the name Easton Telecom Services, Inc.; and (e) the certificates of authorization and tariffs of Easton.

Weston will provide notice to Easton customers and assure them of Weston's commitment to Easton services, pursuant to

Easton's tariff. This transaction will be virtually transparent to Weston and Easton customers in terms of the service that they receive.

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-2660 be, and it is hereby, granted.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 2nd day of April 2002.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chair

ATTEST:

Executive Director