

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application) Application No. C-2669
of Vivian Telephone Company of)
Wall, South Dakota, seeking)
authority to change the name of)
G.W.S., Inc. to Vivian Telephone)
Company and to verify that) GRANTED
Vivian Telephone Company has the)
authority to operate the)
Gregory, Burke and Bonesteel)
exchanges in South Dakota.) Entered: March 19, 2002

BY THE COMMISSION:

On February 1, 2002, an application was filed by Vivian Telephone Company (Vivian) of Wall, South Dakota, seeking authority to change the name of G.W.S., Inc. to Vivian Telephone Company and to verify that Vivian Telephone Company has the authority to operate the Gregory, Burke and Bonesteel exchanges in South Dakota. Notice of the application was published in The Daily Record, Omaha, Nebraska, on February 7, 2002. No protests were filed; therefore, we process this application 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

Vivian is a Colorado corporation, which purchased the Gregory exchange from US West Communications, Inc. on January 7, 1997, pursuant to Application No. C-1454. G.W.S., Inc. was the local exchange carrier for the Burke and Bonesteel exchanges, in South Dakota. The Commission authorized the purchase agreement of these exchanges from US West Communications, Inc. to G.W.S. on October 31, 1995, pursuant to Application No. C-1235. Vivian merged with G.W.S. Inc. on January 1, 1997.

In the current application, Vivian Telephone Company wishes to change the name on the certificate of authority from G.W.S. Communications Inc., to Vivian Telephone Company. In addition, Vivian seeks recognition as the company that has the authority to operate the Gregory, Burke and Bonesteel exchanges in South Dakota, including the 20 customers in those exchanges that are located in the state of Nebraska.

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-2669 be, and it is hereby, granted and G.W.S., Inc. is authorized to change its name to Vivian Telephone Company.

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

IT IS FINALLY ORDERED that Vivian Telephone Company is hereby recognized as the carrier with authority to operate the Gregory, Burke and Bonesteel exchanges in South Dakota, including the 20 customers in those exchanges that are located in the state of Nebraska.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 19th day of March, 2002.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chair

ATTEST:

Executive Director