

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application) Application No. C-2877
of Consolidated Communications)
Operator Services, Inc. of)
Mattoon, Illinois, seeking) GRANTED
authority to operate as an)
operator service provider in the)
state of Nebraska.) Entered: April 1, 2003

BY THE COMMISSION:

On February 3, 2003, an application was filed by Consolidated Communications Operator Services, Inc. (Consolidated) of Mattoon, Illinois, seeking authority to operate as an operator service provider in the state of Nebraska. Notice of the application was published in The Daily Record, Omaha, Nebraska, on February 4, 2003. 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

Consolidated is a Delaware corporation with its headquarters in Mattoon, Illinois. Consolidated has been authorized by the Secretary of State to operate in Nebraska as a foreign corporation.

Applicant proposes to offer live and automated long distance and directory assistance services, as well as services for coinless and coin-operated public telephones. Applicant will use the transmission facilities of its underlying carrier McLeodUSA Telecommunications Inc. and other certificated telecommunications carriers where appropriate.

Interexchange reseller applications are subject to Commission jurisdiction under Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 86-128 and 86-129 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 Consolidated 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-2877 be, and it is hereby, granted and Consolidated Communications Operator Services, Inc.

is authorized to operate as an operator service provider in 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. §§ 86-301 to 86-315) and the Nebraska Telecommunications Universal Service Fund Act (Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 86-316 to 86-329).

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 1st day of April, 2003.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chair

ATTEST:

Executive Director