BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application)	Applicati	on No.	C-29	975
of Essex Communications, Inc.,)				
d/b/a eLEC Communications of New)				
Rochelle, New York, seeking to)				
voluntarily relinquish its cer-)	GRANTED			
tificate to provide telecommuni-)				
cations services in the state of)				
Nebraska and withdraw current)				
tariffs.)	Entered:	Augus	t 5,	2003

BY THE COMMISSION:

By application filed June 23, 2003, Essex Communications, Inc., d/b/a eLEC Communications (Essex) of New Rochelle, New York, seeks to voluntarily relinquish its certificate to provide telecommunications services in the state of Nebraska and withdraw current tariffs. Notice of the application was published in The Daily Record, Omaha, Nebraska, on June 26, 2003. No protests were filed; therefore, this application is processed pursuant to the Commission's Rule of Modified Procedure.

OPINION AND FINDINGS

Essex was authorized by this Commission to operate as a local exchange carrier of telecommunications services in Nebraska on June 19, 2001, pursuant to Application No. C-2364.

By letter dated June 12, 2003, Essex gave notice that it currently wishes to discontinue service in Nebraska and therefore requests that its certificate to provide such service be withdrawn. Essex has never conducted business in the state and does not have any revenues or customers in Nebraska. Essex has no pending departmental, formal or informal complaints with the Commission.

Upon consideration of the request and being fully advised, the Commission finds the request to be reasonable and finds that Essex may withdraw the certificate previously issued to it in Application No. C-2364.

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that Application No. C-2975 be, and it is hereby, granted and the certificate of authority granted to Essex Communications, Inc., d/b/a eLEC Communications, and its initial tariff are withdrawn.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 5th day of August, 2003.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chair

ATTEST:

Deputy Director