

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application        ) Application No. C-3098  
of Ionex Communications North,         )  
Inc., Kansas City, Missouri,         )  
seeking to discontinue providing     ) GRANTED  
Citizens Communications resale        )  
telecommunications service in         )  
Nebraska markets.                     ) Entered: March 2, 2004

BY THE COMMISSION:

By application filed January 27, 2004, Ionex Communications North, Inc. (Ionex), seeks to discontinue providing Citizens Communications resale telecommunications service in several Nebraska markets. Notice of the application was published in The Daily Record, Omaha, Nebraska, on January 29, 2004. 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

Ionex is the successor in interest to Feist Long Distance Service. Feist Long Distance was authorized by the Commission to provide competitive local exchange telecommunications services and intrastate toll service on April 29, 1997, pursuant to Application No. C-1380 and statewide resale services on May 4, 1993, pursuant to Application No. C-970. Transfer of control over this authority to Ionex was granted by the Commission on November 4, 1999, pursuant to Application No. C-2095.

By letter dated January 26, 2004, Ionex requested that the Commission discontinue its competitive local exchange carrier (Citizen) resale services in 17 Nebraska Exchanges because of low demand in those areas. Ionex lists, 308-234, 308-236, 308-237, 308-728, 402-246, 402-395, 402-248, 402-454, 402-487, 402-495, 402-562, 402-563, 402-564, 402-675, 402-887, 402-897, and 402-993, as the exchange areas in which it seeks to discontinue service. Ionex wishes to continue to provide service in the remaining Nebraska exchanges it currently serves via Qwest resale.

The listed exchanges have a current Ionex customer base of 271 lines and 101 subscribers. Ionex is in the process of sending letters to these customers informing them of their withdrawal from the area. The letter suggests that customers move their telecommunications services to their choice of service provider. It also explains that if the customer takes no action, that their service will be switched over to an incumbent local exchange carrier in the area for no charge.

Upon consideration of the request and being fully advised, the Commission finds the request to be reasonable and that Ionex may discontinue providing Citizens Communications resale telecommunications service in the listed 17 Nebraska exchanges over which it had authority, pursuant to Application No. C-2095.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that Application No. C-3098 be, and it is hereby, granted and allow Ionex to discontinue providing resale telecommunications service to the above listed 17 Nebraska exchanges.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Ionex's approved service territories are hereby modified to retain statewide interexchange authority, but amended to reflect authority to provide competitive local exchange authority only in the territory served by Qwest Corporation.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 2nd day of March, 2004.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chairman

ATTEST:

Executive Director