

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application     ) Application No. C-3273  
of VCI Company, d/b/a Vilaire         )  
Communications Inc., Lakewood,       )  
Washington, seeking a                 ) PLANNING CONFERENCE ORDER  
certificate of public                   )  
convenience and necessity as a        )  
local competitive exchange            )  
carrier in Nebraska.                   )  
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In the Matter of the Application     )  
of VCI Company d/b/a Vilaire for       )  
designation as an eligible             )  
telecommunications carrier             )  
providing service to customers        )  
under the Nebraska Telephone           )  
Assistance Plan.                       ) Entered: February 8, 2005

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N     A N D     F I N D I N G S

On September 27, 2004, an application was filed by VCI Company, d/b/a Vilaire Communications Inc. seeking a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity as a local competitive exchange carrier pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. Section 86-128 and seeking designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier. Formal Interventions were timely filed by Benkelman Telephone Company, Inc, Arapahoe Telephone Company d/b/a ATC Communications, Cozad Telephone Company, Curtis Telephone Company, Diller Telephone Company, Glenwood Telephone Member Corporation, Keystone-Arthur Telephone Company, Plainview Telephone Company, Wauneta Telephone Company, Hartman Telephone Exchanges, Inc., Mainstay Communications and Hooper Telephone Company d/b/a Westel Systems.

In order to process the eligible telecommunications carrier designation portion of the application, the Commission held a planning conference in this matter on January 14, 2005, at the Commission, 300 The Atrium, 1200 N Street, Lincoln, Nebraska and via telephone conference with the Interveners and the Applicant. The following persons were either present or participated via telephone bridge during the planning conference: Stan Efferding of Vilaire Communications, Inc., Timothy F. Clare of Remboldt Ludtke, LLP and James Overcash of Woods & Aitken, LLP on behalf of the Interveners, and Shana Knutson on behalf of the Commission.

At the planning conference the parties agreed that the hearing in Application No. C-3273 should be held on March 22,

2005, at 1:00 p.m. in the Commission Hearing Room, 300 The Atrium, 1200 N Street, Lincoln, Nebraska. Pre-filed testimony for the March 22, 2005 hearing before the Commission is due to the Commission by March 8, 2005.

Any remaining pre-hearing issues that the parties would like to address should be brought before the Commission prior to hearing.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that a hearing in Application No. C-3273 will be held on March 22, 2005, at 1:00 p.m. in the Commission Hearing Room 300 The Atrium, 1200 N Street, Lincoln, Nebraska.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all pre-filed testimony for the above mentioned hearing is due to the Commission by March 8, 2005.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 8th day of February, 2005.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chairman

ATTEST:

Executive Director