## BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the ) Application No. C-3717 Application of IBFA ) Acquisition Company, LLC d/b/a ) Farm Bureau Connection, Elk ) Grove Village, Illinois, seeking a Certificate of ) GRANTED Public Convenience and Necessity to transact the ) business of a reseller of ) interexchange telecommunications services within the State of Nebraska. ) Entered: January 9, 2007

## BY THE COMMISSION:

## OPINION AND FINDINGS

By application filed October 31, 2006, IBFA Acquisition Company, LLC d/b/a Farm Bureau Connection, (Farm Bureau or Applicant), Elk Grove Village, Illinois, seeks authority to provide resold interexchange telecommunications services within the State of Nebraska. Notice of the application was published in the Daily Record, Omaha, Nebraska, on November 7, 2006. No protests were filed; therefore, this application is processed pursuant to the Commission's Rule of Modified Procedure.

Applicant is a limited liability company organized under the laws of Michigan with its headquarters in Elk Grove Village, Illinois. Applicant is authorized by the Secretary of State to operate in Nebraska as a foreign limited liability company. In addition, no officer, director or shareholder having five percent or more of the Applicant's voting securities has been involved in a formal complaint or other investigatory or enforcement proceeding.

Applicant is a switchless, non-facilities based interexchange resale carrier proposing to provide switched "1+" long distance telecommunications services to businesses and residences suitable for voice and limited data applications throughout the State of Nebraska. All network services are supplied by Qwest Communications Inc. The Applicant does not propose to provide alternative operator services nor require advanced payments or deposits. Applicant invoices monthly for services.

Customer service is available through a toll free 800 number.

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 and the additional financial information, the Commission finds that Farm Bureau provided all the information required by the Commission, possesses adequate financial resources to provide the proposed service and adequate technical competency to provide the proposed service. Approval of the application would serve the public interest. Accordingly, the application should be granted.

## ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that Application No. C-3717 be, and it is hereby, granted and IBFA Acquisition Company, LLC d/b/a Farm Bureau Connection is authorized to provide interexchange telecommunication services within 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 ( $\underline{\text{Neb}}$ .  $\underline{\text{Rev}}$ .  $\underline{\text{Stat}}$ . §§ 86-301 to 86-315) and the Nebraska Telecommunications Universal Service Fund Act ( $\underline{\text{Neb}}$ .  $\underline{\text{Rev}}$ .  $\underline{\text{Stat}}$ . §§ 86-316 to 86-329).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Applicant file its current tariff, along with the appropriate fee, 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  $9^{\text{th}}$  day of January, 2007.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chairman

ATTEST:

Executive Director