

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application) Application No. C-3809
of Vanco Direct USA, LLC,)
Chicago, Illinois, seeking)
approval of guarantee of) GRANTED
indebtedness.)
) Entered: June 26, 2007

BY THE COMMISSION:

On May 17, 2007, an application was filed by Vanco Direct USA, LLC ("Vanco" or "Applicant"), Chicago, Illinois, seeking approval to incur indebtedness. Notice of the application was published in The Daily Record, Omaha, Nebraska, on May 22, 2007. 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

Upon consideration of the application, the evidence submitted, and being fully advised, the Commission is of the opinion and finds:

Vanco is a Delaware limited liability company with its principle office located in Chicago, Illinois. Applicant is a reseller of private line telecommunications services on a retail basis to business and carrier customers in the United States. Vanco was issued Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity in Application No. C-3492 on November 22, 2005. Further, Vanco is authorized to provide facilities based and/or resold local exchange service and interexchange service across the United States.

Applicant seeks approval and authority to implement certain debt financing arrangements whereby Lloyds TSB Bank plc will make available to Applicant and certain other affiliates the sum of 100 million pounds Sterling (approximately \$200 million) which will be secured by the guarantee of the Applicant, a security interest in Applicant's assets and a pledge of Applicant's membership interests. Vanco files the current application pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 75-148, which states in pertinent part,

A common carrier may issue stock, bonds,
notes, or other evidence of indebtedness,

payable at periods of more than twelve months after the date thereof, when necessary for the acquisition of property, the construction, completion, extension or improvement of facilities, the improvement or maintenance of its service, or the discharge or lawful refunding of its obligations if the common carrier first secures from the Commission an order authorizing such issue and the amount thereof and stating that in the opinion of the Commission the use of the capital to be secured by the issue of such stock, bonds, notes, or other evidence of indebtedness is reasonably required for the purposes of the carrier.

Applicants state that the public interest will be served by ensuring that Applicant's operational needs are adequately funded and the company has sufficient liquidity. The financing arrangements will enable the Applicant to continue to provide telecommunications services at competitive rates in Nebraska. Further, Vanco states that the debt transaction will benefit Nebraska consumers by facilitating the continued provision of innovative, high-quality telecommunications services to the public, thereby promoting competition in the telecommunications service market.

Based upon the above information, the Commission finds the application to be in the public interest and to be reasonably required for the purpose of Vanco Direct USA, LLC. Therefore, the application should be granted.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that Application No. C-3809 be, and is hereby, granted.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 26th day of June, 2007.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chairman

ATTEST:

Executive Director