

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application     ) Application No. C-3983  
of Consolidated Communications     )  
Network Services, Inc., to be     )  
known as Consolidated     ) GRANTED  
Communications Enterprise     )  
Services, Inc., d/b/a     )  
Consolidated Communications     )  
Operator Services, Conroe,     )  
Texas, seeking authority to     )  
transfer control from     )  
Consolidated Communications     )  
Operator Services, Inc.     ) Entered: December 9, 2008

BY THE COMMISSION:

On October 20, 2008, an application was filed by Consolidated Communications Operator Services, Inc. (CCOS) seeking authority to transfer control to Consolidated Communications Network Services, Inc. (CCNS), Conroe, Texas. Notice of the application was published in The Daily Record, Omaha, Nebraska, on October 23, 2008. 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

The Parties:

CCOS is a reseller of operator services with principal offices located in Chicago, Illinois. CCOS was certified as an interexchange telecommunications carrier in the State of Nebraska by virtue of authority granted by the Commission on April 1, 2003, under Docket C-2877.

Consolidated Communications Network Services, Inc. is a reseller of operator services with principal offices located in Conroe, Texas. CCNS was certified as an interexchange telecommunications carrier in the State of Nebraska by virtue of the authority granted by the Commission on December 9, 2008, in Docket C-3982. CCNS will also be known in Nebraska as Consolidated Communications Enterprise Services, Inc., d/b/a Consolidated Communications Operator Services.

CCOS and CCNS are both wholly-owned indirect subsidiaries of Consolidated Communications Holdings, Inc. (CCH), a publicly traded corporation.

Description of the Transaction:

The joint applicants state that in order to simplify its internal corporate structure for accounting, financial and internal management reasons, CCH is planning to combine a number of existing direct and indirect subsidiaries. The business assets of CCOS will be transferred to Applicant and CCOS's corporate existence will cease. In addition, at the time of this internal restructuring, Applicant's corporate name will be changed from Consolidated Communications Network Services, Inc. to Consolidated Communications Enterprise Services, Inc.

Consolidated Communications Network Services, Inc. will thereafter carry on the telecommunications business and provide the telecommunications services currently provided by CCOS in Nebraska and other states. CCNS plans to offer the same services currently offered by CCOS in Nebraska at the same prices, terms and conditions as currently offered by CCOS. In addition to avoid confusion to customers, CCNS plans to operate in Nebraska under the trade name "Consolidated Communications Operator Services." CCH seeks to effectuate the internal corporate restructuring on January 1, 2009.

Based on the evidence, we find the application to be fair and reasonable and in the public interest. The application should be granted.

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IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that Application No. C-3983, be, and it is hereby, granted.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 9th day of December, 2008.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

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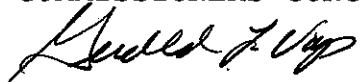
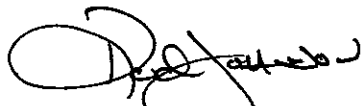
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