BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application)	Applicati	on No.	C-4650	
of IntelePeer, Inc., Chicago,)				
Illinois, seeking transfer of)	GRANTED			
control to Peerless Network,)				
Inc., Chicago, Illinois.)	Entered:	Februa	ary 19,	2014

BY THE COMMISSION:

On December 26, 2013, an application was jointly filed by IntelePeer, Inc., ("IntelePeer"), Chicago, Illinois and Peerless Network, Inc., ("Peerless"), of Chicago, Illinois, (collectively "Applicants"), seeking approval of a transfer of control of IntelePeer to Peerless. Notice of the application was published in The Daily Record, Omaha, Nebraska, on January 1, 2014. No protests were filed; therefore, this application is processed pursuant to the Commission's Rule of Modified Procedure.

OPINION AND FINDINGS

The Parties:

IntelePeer is a Delaware corporation with principal offices located in Chicago, Illinois. IntelePeer is authorized to provide interexchange telecommunications services in Nebraska under and by virtue of authority heretofore granted by this Commission.¹

Peerless is a Delaware corporation with its principal place of business located in Chicago, Illinois. Peerless operates as a competitive local exchange carrier (CLEC), a competitive tandem provider and long distance telecommunications carrier throughout the United States. Peerless is not authorized to provide interexchange telecommunications services in Nebraska.

Description of the Transaction:

According to the application, on November 29, 2013, Peerless Network entered into a stock purchase agreement ("Agreement") whereby Peerless acquired all control of IntelePeer. As a result of the Agreement, IntelePeer is a direct subsidiary of Peerless.

Upon completion of the Agreement, the Applicants state IntelePeer will continue to operate its facilities and provide service to its customers at the same rates, terms and conditions in Nebraska as it does currently. The Applicants will continue

¹ See Docket C-4229 (January 5, 2010).

to provide service under their current names. The transaction will be largely seamless and transparent to customers.

The Applicants state that the transaction is in the public interest and will reinforce the status of IntelePeer as a viable competitor for Nebraska consumers. Applicants state consummation of this transaction will permit the companies to operate more efficiently through enhanced routing capabilities and financial synergies. Further, the increased economies of scale will enable the companies to develop new products and services. Based on the evidence, we find the application to be fair and reasonable and in the public interest. The application should be granted.

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the above-captioned application be, and it is hereby, granted.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this $19^{\rm th}$ day of February, 2014.

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//s//Frank E. Landis