

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the)	Application No. C-4679
Application of Allo)	
Communications, LLC,)	
Imperial, seeking authority)	
to amend and expand its)	
certificate of authority to)	GRANTED
provide local exchange)	
telecommunications service as)	
a competitive local exchange)	
carrier in the State of)	
Nebraska.)	Entered: June 24, 2014

BY THE COMMISSION:

On May 2, 2014, an application was filed by Allo Communications, LLC ("ALLO" or "Applicant"), of Imperial, Nebraska seeking authority to amend and expand its certificate of authority to provide local exchange telecommunications service as a competitive local exchange carrier in the State of Nebraska. Notice of the application was published in the Daily Record, Omaha, Nebraska, on May 8, 2014. 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

Applicant is a Nebraska limited liability company organized under the laws of Nebraska and is in good standing with the Nebraska Secretary of State. Applicant currently transacts its business, providing competitive local exchange services and interexchange services, only in the State of Nebraska.

Pursuant to the Commission's Order entered in Docket C-2844, on January 7, 2003, Applicant was authorized to provide competitive local exchange services in the territory served by Alltel Communications, Inc. of Nebraska n/k/a Windstream Communications ("Windstream") and Qwest d/b/a CenturyLink QC ("CenturyLink"). Applicant was also authorized to provide interexchange services on a statewide basis.

In the current application, Applicant requests authority to expand its authority as a competitive local exchange carrier statewide. Applicant offers switchless resold access 1+ long distance telecommunications services suitable for voice and limited data application in the state. Applicant was also designated as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC) on August 26, 2003. Applicant also provides internet services with standard speeds of 50 Mbps upload speed and 50 Mbps download speed with the potential for customers to increase their speeds

up to 1 Gpbs. In addition to telephone and internet services, Applicant provides IPTV television services through its all fiber network.

Applicant currently provides communications services to over 20 Nebraska communities in the (308) area code. Applicant stated that while it seeks statewide authority, it initially intends to extend its footprint into the area currently served by Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska d/b/a Frontier Communications of Nebraska ("Frontier").

In support of its application, Applicant stated it possesses the necessary technical expertise and management capability to serve customers throughout Nebraska. Applicant has offered telecommunications services since 2003. Its current operations include a 7 person network operations center, 30 person customer service center, 20 field technicians, and other personnel that ensure Applicant's customers receive quality services.

Exhibit D to the application contained Applicants most recent financial statements. Applicant stated it has sufficient working capital to expand its services in Nebraska.

Applicant states a grant of this application will serve the public interest because Applicant's proposed services will benefit the public by offering consumers high quality service and choice among providers. Applicant further states that its proposed services will protect the public safety and welfare by providing additional and alternative access to critical emergency services.

The Commission considers this application for authority in light of the following criteria and standards established in the Commission's telecommunications rules:

- (a) Whether the Applicant has provided the information required by the Commission;
- (b) Whether the Applicant has provided a performance bond, if required;
- (c) Whether the Applicant possesses adequate financial resources to provide the proposed service;
- (d) Whether the Applicant possesses adequate technical competence and resources to provide the proposed service;

- (e) Whether the Applicant possesses adequate managerial competence to provide the proposed service; and
- (f) Whether granting the Applicant a certificate preserves and advances universal service, protects the public safety and welfare, ensures the continued quality of telecommunications services and safeguards the rights of consumers, pursuant to Section 253(b) of the Act.

Applicant has demonstrated that it meets the standards of financial, technical, and managerial competence and all other criteria necessary to provide local exchange services in the State of Nebraska.

These opinions and findings carry no precedential value other than establishing minimum standards and criteria to apply when considering applications to provide local exchange services. All telecommunications carriers seeking such a certificate must demonstrate that they meet, at a minimum, the standards and criteria set forth herein.

Before the Applicant is allowed to provide local exchange service to its users, it must either:

1. Through negotiation or arbitration, reach an interconnection/resale agreement with the pertinent incumbent local exchange carrier and receive Commission approval of the interconnection/resale agreement; or
2. In the event a certified local exchange carrier provides a wholesale tariff, purchase rates from that tariff, file its own tariff and receive Commission approval of its tariff.

This order does not terminate, waive or in any manner diminish the exemptions and protections created by the Act for rural carriers, as defined by the Act. This order does not address the issue of the rural local exchange carrier exemption under the Act. Rural exemptions may be terminated, suspended or modified only as provided in Section 251(f) of the Act.

Prior to providing service in any area in the State of Nebraska, Applicant must file tariffs in accordance with the provisions of Section 002.21 of the Neb. Admin. R. & Regs. Title 291, ch. 5.

Upon the offering of local exchange services in the State of Nebraska, Applicant would be subject to the same laws, rules

and regulations, both federal and state (including any laws, rules or regulations regarding universal service, restrictions on joint marketing and quality of service), applicable to any other local exchange company except those obligations imposed on ILECs pursuant to Section 251(c) of the Act.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that Application No. C-4679 be, and hereby is, granted.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Applicant is obligated to abide by the same laws, rules and regulations, both federal and state (including any laws, rules or regulations regarding universal service, restrictions on joint marketing and quality of service), applicable to any other local exchange carriers, except obligations imposed on incumbent local exchange carriers pursuant to Section 251(c) of the Act.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, to the extent Applicant provides access line service as referenced in the Telecommunications Relay System Act, Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 86-301 through 86-315 (Relay Act) and defined in Neb. Admin. R. & Reg. Title 291, ch. 5 § 001.01B, the Applicant shall collect from its subscribers a surcharge (Relay Surcharge) pursuant to the relay act and the Commission's annual orders establishing the amount of the surcharge, and shall remit to the Commission the proceeds from the relay surcharge as provided by the Relay Act.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Applicant comply with all necessary statutes and Commission Rules and Regulations as they pertain to the Nebraska Universal Service Fund.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Applicant shall file, in accordance with the applicable statutes, on or before April 30 of each year, an annual report with the 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 such reports are unavailable, Applicant shall file a balance sheet and income statement for the previous year of operation, and for the State of Nebraska on a combined interstate-intrastate basis, the investment in the telephone plant and equipment located within the state, accumulated depreciation thereon, operating revenues, operating expenses and taxes.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that within 30 days from the entry of this order that the Applicant file a tariff and pay appropriate

filing fees with the Commission as required by state statutes and the Commission's regulations.

IT IS FINALLY ORDERED that this order be, and hereby is, made the Commission's official Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to the Applicant to provide competitive local exchange services in the State of Nebraska.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 24th day of June, 2014.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chairman

ATTEST:

Executive Director

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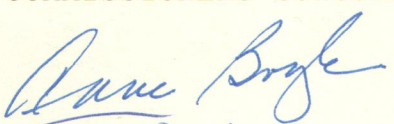
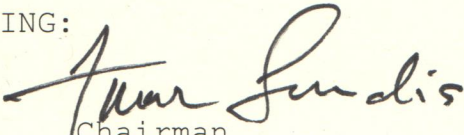
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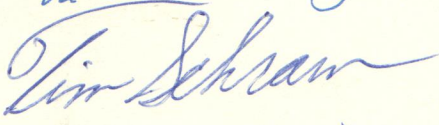
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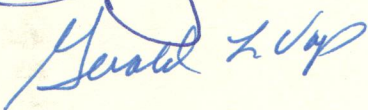
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