

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the	)	Application No. C-4703
Application of Teleconnect	)	
Long Distance Services and	)	
Systems Inc., Chicago,	)	
Illinois, seeking authority to	)	
transfer its customers to MCI	)	GRANTED
Communications Services, Inc.	)	
d/b/a Verizon Business	)	
Services, Highlands Ranch,	)	
Colorado, and cancel its	)	
certificate of interexchange	)	
authority and tariffs.	)	Entered: October 7, 2014

BY THE COMMISSION:

On August 15, 2014, an application was filed by Teleconnect Long Distance Services and Systems Inc. (Teleconnect), Chicago, Illinois, seeking authority to transfer its customers to MCI Communications Services, Inc. d/b/a Verizon Business Services (MCI), Highlands Ranch, Colorado, and cancel its certificate of interexchange authority and tariffs. Notice of the application was published in The Daily Record, Omaha, Nebraska, on August 20, 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

I.    The Parties:

Teleconnect was incorporated under the laws of the State of Iowa on November 20, 1986. Its principal office is located in Basking Ridge, New Jersey. The company was authorized to provide intrastate toll resale services by order issued March 24, 1987, approving Docket C-692. Teleconnect is ultimately owned and controlled by Verizon Communications Inc., a publicly traded corporation with subsidiaries in the United States and other countries providing telecommunications and other services. Teleconnect provides resold long distance service including toll-free and calling services in Nebraska.

MCI was incorporated under the laws of the State of Delaware on January 3, 1992. Its principal offices are also located in Basking Ridge, New Jersey. The company that

is now MCI Communications Services Inc. d/b/a Verizon Business Services was originally authorized to provide intrastate telecommunications services by order issued August 5, 1985, approving Docket C-497. MCI currently offers interexchange services in Nebraska. MCI is also ultimately owned and controlled by Verizon Communications Inc.

## II. The Transaction:

According to the application, Teleconnect's customers will be transferred to MCI beginning on October 1, 2014, subject to regulatory approval. Following the transaction, these customers will be served by MCI. MCI's tariffs will be revised to incorporate Teleconnect's services as applicable. Teleconnect will cease to operate and seeks cancellation of all applicable authorities and tariffs following the transaction.

The joint applicants submit the transition to MCI will be virtually transparent to most customers. Teleconnect's customers will not incur any charges as a result of the change in service provider from Teleconnect to MCI. For the most part, there will be no changes to rates, terms or conditions of service. In a few situations it will not be possible to move the customers' Teleconnect rate plan to the MCI billing system. In those cases, customers will be offered a similar rate plan. Following the transfer, Teleconnect customers who are solely calling card customers will no longer be able to use those cards.

## III. Public Interest:

The joint applicants state that approval of the proposed transfer will reduce costs and provide enhanced operational and economic efficiencies for the surviving MCI entities. The resulting savings will provide greater opportunities to improve the services available to its customers. Consequently, according to the applicants, granting this application is consistent with public interest.

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-4703 be, and it is hereby, approved.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 7th day of October, 2014.

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