

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application) Application No. C-4754
of Grasshopper Group, LLC,)
Needham, Massachusetts, seeking)
approval of a transfer of) GRANTED
control to Citrix Systems, Inc.,)
Fort Lauderdale, Florida.) Entered: May 19, 2015

BY THE COMMISSION:

On April 7, 2015, an application was jointly filed by Grasshopper Group, LLC ("Grasshopper"), of Needham, Massachusetts and Citrix Systems, Inc., ("Citrix"), of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, (collectively "Applicants"), seeking approval of a transfer of control of Grasshopper to Citrix. Notice of the application was published in The Daily Record, Omaha, Nebraska, on April 10, 2015. 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:

Grasshopper is a limited liability company, organized under the laws of the State of Massachusetts with principal offices located in Needham, Massachusetts. Grasshopper is a resale interexchange carrier of telecommunications services within the State of Nebraska. Grasshopper is authorized to operate in Nebraska under and by virtue of authority heretofore granted by this Commission.¹

Citrix is a Delaware corporation with its principal place of business located in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Citrix is not authorized to provide telecommunications services in Nebraska.

Description of the Transaction:

According to the application, Applicants entered into a Membership Interest Purchase Agreement, ("Agreement") on March 30, 2015. Under the terms of the Agreement, Citrix will acquire all of the membership units of Grasshopper. Upon completion of the proposed transaction, Grasshopper will operate as a wholly-owned subsidiary of Citrix.

Citrix plans to retain most of Grasshopper's current management responsible for the day-to-day operations of the business. Grasshopper will continue to provide service to its

¹ See Docket C-4569 (February 20, 2013).

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existing customers under its Nebraska Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity. Applicants further state the proposed transaction will be transparent to customers and will not result in discontinuance, reduction, loss, or impairment of service to customers.

The Applicants state that the transaction is in the public interest because it will strengthen the competitive position of the companies and enable them to offer expanded product and service portfolios to customers. The Applicants further state the proposed transaction will enable them to deliver greater value and variety of services to their customers and promote competition among telecommunications carriers in Nebraska.

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

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that Application No. C-4754 be, and it is hereby, granted.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 19th day of May, 2015.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

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