BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Joint)	Applicat	ion No	. C	-4966
Application of Glenwood)				
Telecommunications, Inc., Blue)				
Hill, Nebraska, and ALLO)	GRANTED			
Communications, LLC, Imperial,)				
Nebraska, seeking approval of)				
Telephony Transaction.)	Entered:	March	6,	2018

BY THE COMMISSION:

On January 8, 2018, a joint application was filed by Glenwood Telecommunications, Inc. (Glenwood), of Blue Hill, Nebraska, and ALLO Communications, LLC (ALLO), of Imperial, Nebraska, seeking approval of a Telephony Transaction. Notice of the application was published in The Daily Record, Omaha, Nebraska, on January 12, 2018. No protests were filed; therefore, this application is processed pursuant to the Commission's Rule of Modified Procedure.

OPINION AND FINDINGS

Description of the Applicants:

Glenwood is a privately held Nebraska corporation with its business headquarters located in Blue Hill, Nebraska. Glenwood Telephone Membership Corporation is Glenwood's sole shareholder. Glenwood was incorporated in 1984 and is authorized to transact business in the State of Nebraska. Glenwood is a common carrier that provides wireline telephone service, wireless internet service, digital subscriber line service, and community antenna television services. Glenwood was granted authority to operate as an interexchange carrier in 1998 by Order of the Commission in Docket C-1926. In 2007, Glenwood was granted authority to operate as a competitive local exchange carrier to provide switched access service and dedicated applications in the State of Nebraska in Docket C-3853.

Glenwood currently provides communications services to 10 counties in Nebraska including Adams, Phelps, Webster, Franklin, Clay, Nuckolls, Kearney, Keith, Arthur, and McPherson. In addition to those 10 counties, Glenwood has some fiber in Buffalo County and serves wireless customers in Harlan, Hall and Hamilton counties.

ALLO is a Nebraska limited liability company with its business headquarters located in Imperial, Nebraska. ALLO was organized on October 10, 2002, and is authorized to transact business in the State of Nebraska. ALLO was granted authority to

operate as a local exchange and interexchange carrier of telecommunications services within the State of Nebraska by Order of the Commission on January 7, 2003, in Docket C-2844. On August 26, 2003, the Commission designated ALLO as a Nebraska eligible telecommunications carrier and access to universal service support for supported services provided in Qwest Corporation exchanges in Docket NUSF-36. On June 24, 2014, the Commission granted ALLO's request to expand its authority as a competitive local exchange carrier statewide. On December 22, 2015, in Docket C-4804, the Commission granted a joint request by ALLO and Nelnet to transfer the majority of ALLO's Membership Interest to Nelnet.

ALLO currently transacts its business providing competitive local exchange services and interexchange services only in the States of Nebraska and Colorado. ALLO provides communications services to over 20 Nebraska communities in the (308) area code in Nebraska including Scottsbluff, Gering, Alliance, Broken Bow, Chadron, Grand Island, Holdrege, Lexington, Minden, McCook, North Platte, Valentine, and Wood River, and in the (402) area code including Lincoln and Ashland Lakes. ALLO has an all-fiber network in Scottsbluff, Gering, Alliance, Bridgeport, Ogallala, and North Platte, and is building out its network in Lincoln. ALLO will soon offer communication services in Fort Morgan, Colorado.

Description of the Transaction:

Glenwood agreed to a transaction pursuant to which Glenwood will sell, transfer and assign the Transferred Assets, including certain Telephony Assets, which ALLO will utilize to provide telephony and broadband internet services to former Glenwood customers in the City of Hastings, all in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in the Agreement. Following the transfer of the Telephony Assets to ALLO, ALLO will subsequently provide telecommunications and information services, including broadband services, to former Glenwood customers in the City of Hastings using the name "ALLO Communications."

The Joint Applicants state that approval of the proposed transaction is in the public interest. In addition, the Applicants state that upon the consummation of the transaction, ALLO will continue to offer high quality services to Nebraska residents, including former Glenwood customers. The proposed transaction will be transparent to former Glenwood customers and will have a positive impact on the public interest, service to Nebraska customers, and competition. Approval of the transaction will allow Glenwood to redirect its resources to develop other markets to better serve its customers in south central Nebraska.

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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 Application No. C-4966, be, and it is hereby, granted.

ENTERED AND MADE EFFECTIVE at Lincoln, Nebraska, this $6^{\rm th}$ day of March, 2018.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chair

ATTEST:

//s//Frank E. Landis

//s//Mary Ridder

Executive Director