

SECRETARY'S RECORD, NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Joint)	Application No. C-5029
Application of Protocall, LLC,)	
Olathe, Kansas, and Combined)	
Public Communications, LLC, Cold)	
Spring, Kentucky, seeking to)	GRANTED
transfer assets and customers of)	
Protocall, LLC, to Combined)	
Public Communications, LLC.)	Entered: March 5, 2019

BY THE COMMISSION:

On January 14, 2019 a joint application was filed by Protocall, LLC ("Protocall") of Olathe, Kansas, and Combined Public Communications, LLC ("CPC"), of Cold Spring, Kentucky, (collectively referred to as "Joint Applicants"), seeking to transfer assets and customers of Protocall to Combined Public Communications, LLC. Notice of the application was published in The Daily Record, Omaha, Nebraska, on January 16, 2019. 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

Description of the Applicants:

Protocall is a Kansas limited liability company with headquarters located in Olathe, Kansas. Protocall provided or was authorized to provide inmate telephone services to correctional facilities in Iowa, Kansas, Colorado, Nebraska, and Missouri. Protocall is approved to provide interexchange carrier telecommunications services within the state of Nebraska by virtue of the Commission's Order in Docket C-3942 entered on September 16, 2008. Protocall provides inmate telecommunications services to jails and prisons in the State of Nebraska.

CPC is a Delaware limited liability company with headquarters located in Cold Spring, Kentucky. CPC specializes in the provision of inmate communications services and has certifications of authority in Alabama, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, North Carolina, Ohio, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Wyoming. CPC received authority to operate as an Operator Service Provider and Resale Carrier of

Intrastate InterLATA and IntraLATA telecommunications services within the state of Nebraska in Docket No. C-4962 which was entered on March 20, 2018.

Description of the Transaction:

The Joint Applicants request approval of a customer and asset acquisition under which CPC acquired the existing customers and substantially all of the assets of Protocall currently utilized to provide inmate telecommunications services specifically in the states of Iowa, Kansas, Colorado, Nebraska and Missouri (referred to herein as the "Transaction"). As a result of the Transaction, fourteen (14) accounts located in Nebraska were transferred from Protocall to CPC. Customers continue to be serviced by CPC on substantially the same terms and conditions as previously provided by Protocall. According to the Joint Applicants, the consummation of the Transaction will not result in an interruption, reduction, loss or impairment of services to any customer.

In support of the Application, the Joint Applicants state that approval of the Transaction will serve the public interest as it will permit the continued, uninterrupted provision of service to customers. Further, the Joint Applicants state, approval will promote competition in the inmate telecommunications marketplace. The Transaction will be transparent to customers. Finally, Joint Applicants state the continued provision of service by CPC will provide customers the positive benefit of access to existing and new product offerings.

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-5029, be, and it is hereby, granted.

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ENTERED AND MADE EFFECTIVE at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 5th day of March, 2019.


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COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:


Chair

ATTEST:


Executive Director