

SECRETARY'S RECORD, NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application) Application No. C-3982
of Consolidated Communications)
Network Services, Inc. to be) GRANTED
known as Consolidated)
Communications Enterprise)
Services, Inc., d/b/a)
Consolidated Communications)
Operator Services, Conroe,)
Texas, seeking authority to)
operate as an interexchange)
carrier within the State of) Entered: December 9, 2008
Nebraska.)

BY THE COMMISSION:

On October 20, 2008, an application was filed by Consolidated Communications Network Services, Inc. to be known as Consolidated Communications Enterprise Services, Inc., d/b/a Consolidated Communications Operator Services (CCOS or Applicant), Conroe, Texas, seeking authority to operate as an interexchange carrier within the State of Nebraska. Notice of the application was published in The Daily Record, Omaha, Nebraska, on October 23, 2008. 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 subsidiary of Consolidated Communications Inc. (CCI), a Delaware corporation with its headquarters in Conroe, Texas. CCOS has been authorized by the Secretary of State to operate in Nebraska as a foreign corporation. In addition, no officer, director or shareholder having five percent or more of the applicant's voting securities has been involved in a formal complaint or other investigatory or enforcement proceeding.

Applicant intends to provide operator services throughout Nebraska. Applicant states that it will not use owned or leased facilities in Nebraska. Applicant intends to provide the same services as its sister company which was granted authority to operate in Nebraska by the Commission on April 1, 2003, in Docket C-2877. Applicant has provided certified financial statements of its publicly traded parent company and evidence of financial profitability.

Applicant is a switchless, non-facilities-based reseller of operator services, with telecommunications services provided over the networks of its underlying carrier, Paetec. Therefore,

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Applicant will be solely dependent on the technical capabilities of its underlying carrier(s). Applicant is authorized to provide telecommunications services in ten states. In no instance has any application been denied or rejected.

Interexchange reseller applications are subject to Commission jurisdiction under Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 86-128 and 86-129 and Title 291 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations, Chapter 5, Rule 003.12. From examination of the application filed herein, the Commission finds CCOS has provided all the information required by the Commission, possesses adequate financial resources to provide the proposed service, and possesses adequate technical competency to provide the proposed service. The application should be granted.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that Application No. C-3982 be, and it is hereby, granted and Consolidated Communications Network Services, Inc., d/b/a Consolidated Communications Operator Services is authorized to operate as an interexchange carrier of telecommunications services within the State of Nebraska.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the applicant shall file, in accordance with the applicable statutes on or before April 30th of each year, an annual report with this 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 these are not available, applicant shall submit a balance sheet and income statement for the previous year of operation, as well as the investment made in telephone plant and equipment located within the state, accumulated depreciation thereon, operating revenues and expenses, and taxes.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, to the extent applicable, the applicant shall comply with all laws pertaining to, and all rules and regulations promulgated under, the Telecommunications Relay System Act (Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 86-301 to 86-315) and the Nebraska Telecommunications Universal Service Fund Act (Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 86-316 to 86-329).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that applicant file its current tariff prior to offering service pursuant to the certificate granted in this order.

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IT IS FINALLY ORDERED that this order be, and it is hereby made, the Commission's official certificate of authority to furnish the service authorized herein as a common carrier.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 9th day of December, 2008.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

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//s// Anne C. Boyle
//s// Frank E. Landis

Chair *Anne C. Boyle*

ATTEST:

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Deputy Director

