

Nebraska Public Service Commission

TO: Interested Parties
FROM: Nebraska Public Service Commission
Communications Department
RE: Filing of Interexchange Authority Application

Nebraska requires providers of interexchange telecommunications services to apply for certification in this state. Commission Telecommunications Rules and Regulations and Rules of Commission Procedure are accessible at the web site noted above. A sample application for resellers and an affidavit to complete and return with your application follows this correspondence and can also be accessed at the web site.

If you are seeking interLATA interexchange authority, please refer to rule 003.12A of the Telecommunications Rules and Regulations, which describes the necessary items for an application. If the applicant seeks alternate operator service authority or prepaid cards, this must be petitioned for specifically in the application.

Each application must have a \$300.00 filing fee enclosed with it. Please file one original of the application and exhibits. If you would also include an electronic copy of the application that would also be appreciated. If you desire a dated-stamped copy be returned, please include a postage-paid, self-addressed envelope for this service.

If necessary, there will be a hearing on the application. If an attorney represents the applicant at the hearing, that attorney must be licensed to practice in Nebraska or accompanied by local Nebraska counsel. The applicant's witness should bring a copy of the application and exhibits to the hearing.

Please be advised that incomplete applications will not be processed. Any application submitted that does not have all the requisite information will be put on hold and will not be scheduled for a hearing until the information is received.

Please make note of the following requirements that are routinely ignored:

1. Financial statements for the previous three years or operation.

A copy of applicant's last three annual financial statements, to include a balance sheet an profit and loss statement, and evident of adequate financing, certified by an independent certified public

accountant, together with applicant's most recent interim financial statements, certified by applicant's chief financial officer.

**** NOTE: For purposes of accounting, all applicants must comply with the requirements set forth in Rule 002.024. Specifically, the financial records must comply with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles. This rule is located in the local exchange section; however, it also applies to IXCs due to cross-referencing at Rule 003.01D.

2. If applicant is a foreign corporation, a copy of its Certificate of Authority to transact business in Nebraska.

**** NOTE: A copy of the certificate given by the Nebraska Secretary of State must be submitted.

3. A detailed description of the services applicant proposes to offer in Nebraska, including whether advance payments and/or deposits will be required.

**** NOTE: A tariff will satisfy this requirement.

4. Operator Service Provider: Any person, firm partnership or corporation engaged in furnishing operators to facilitate the completion of local and/or long distance calls and who bill for such operator services and call completion either separately, through exchange carriers, or other billing services such as credit card companies.

**** NOTE: Our interpretation of this rule is that a carrier must request A??? O??? S??? (AOS) if it bills for operator services and call completion either separately, through exchange carriers, or other billing services such as credit card companies. In the future, if a company bills for operator assistance, it should be noted in the application and authority to provide AOS should be requested.

The Alliance for Telecommunications Industry Solutions (ATIS) provides an educational document which provides an overview of network processes and procedures for the routing of exchange traffic. A link to the current version of the document is provided at the Nebraska Public Service Commission web site under CLEC/IXC Application Information.

We appreciate your assistance in addressing the above matters, and hope that this letter will alleviate present filing concerns.

If you have further questions or if you need additional information, please contact the Communications Department at 402-471-3101.