

P-459, 3018/PA-89-675 APPROVING ACQUISITION AND TRANSFERRING CERTIFICATE  
OF AUTHORITY

BEFORE THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Darrel L. Peterson	Chair
Cynthia A. Kitlinski	Commissioner
Norma McKanna	Commissioner
Robert J. O'Keefe	Commissioner
Patrice Vick	Commissioner

In the Matter of the Joint Petition of Bemidji Long Distance Service, Inc. and Bemidji Long Distance Service for Approval of the Acquisition of Bemidji Long Distance Service, Inc.

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PROCEDURAL HISTORY

On August 15, 1989, Bemidji Long Distance Service, Inc. (the Corporation) and Bemidji Long Distance Service (the Partnership) filed a joint petition requesting approval of the acquisition of the Partnership by the Corporation. The two entities had previously entered into a purchase agreement in which the Corporation had agreed to purchase the telecommunications equipment and business of the Partnership located in the Bemidji,

Fergus Falls and Thief River Falls areas of Minnesota.

On October 11, 1989, the Department of Public Service (the Department) filed comments recommending the approval of the joint petition. A petition to revoke the authority of Bemidji Long Distance was filed by the Department on the same day.

On July 12, 1990, the Department filed comments in which it withdrew the October 11 petition to revoke. The Department now recommended that the Commission transfer the Partnership's certificate of authority to the Corporation.

The matter came before the Commission on July 24, 1990.

### FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

The Partnership has been operating as an intrastate reseller of telecommunications services in Minnesota since 1985. The Partnership wishes to sell and the Corporation wishes to purchase prior name recognition plus the use of fiber optic and digital microwave facilities.

The Department is of the opinion that these acquisitions will allow the Corporation to offer a better quality of service to its customers. In its written comments the Department also stated that the Corporation has the financial resources to provide continued quality service to its Minnesota customers.

The Commission finds that the acquisition of the Partnership by the Corporation is in the best interests of the parties and of the general public, and will therefore approve the petition. The Commission will follow the Department's recommendation that the Partnership's certificate of authority be transferred to the Corporation.

ORDER

1. The joint petition of Bemidji Long Distance Service and Bemidji Long Distance Service, Inc. for approval of the acquisition of Bemidji Long Distance Service by Bemidji Long Distance Service, Inc. is hereby approved, subject to the submission of a joint affidavit of sale completion, including the final sale price.
2. The certificate of authority of Bemidji Long Distance Service is hereby transferred to Bemidji Long Distance Service, Inc.
3. This Order shall become effective immediately.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

Richard R. Lancaster  
Executive Secretary

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