

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

DOCKET NO. 02A-658T

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF ONESTAR LONG DISTANCE, INC. FOR A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO PROVIDE LOCAL EXCHANGE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES AND FOR A LETTER OF REGISTRATION TO PROVIDE EMERGING COMPETITIVE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES.

ORDER GRANTING APPLICATION

Mailed Date: January 15, 2003
Adopted Date: January 15, 2003

I. BY THE COMMISSION

A. Statement and Findings of Fact

1. On December 18, 2002, OneStar Long Distance, Inc. (OneStar Long Distance), filed an application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to provide local exchange telecommunications services and a Letter of Registration to provide emerging competitive telecommunications services throughout the State of Colorado. Rule 4 of the Rules Regulating Telecommunications Service Providers and Telephone Utilities 4 *Code of Colorado Regulations* 723-25.

2. Notice of the application was posted on the Commission's web site on December 20, 2002. Interventions were due on or before January 9, 2003. None were filed.

B. Discussion

3. The application is unopposed and may be considered without a hearing. § 40-6-109(5), C.R.S.

4. Granting the application of OneStar Long Distance is consistent with the legislative policy statements contained in §§ 40-15-101, 40-15-501, and 40-15-502, C.R.S.

5. Before providing local exchange and emerging competitive telecommunications services, OneStar Long Distance must: (1) have effective tariffs for its services on file with the Commission; and (2) comply with all statutory and regulatory requirements applicable to telecommunications providers subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission.

II. ORDER

A. The Commission Orders That:

1. OneStar Long Distance Inc.'s application is deemed complete.
2. OneStar Long Distance, Inc., is granted a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to provide local exchange telecommunications services throughout the State of Colorado. A detailed description of the applicant's service territory will be delineated in the local exchange maps filed with the tariff.
3. OneStar Long Distance, Inc.'s local exchange telecommunications services will be regulated under the default regulatory scheme contained in 4 *Code of Colorado Regulations* 723-38.
4. OneStar Long Distance, Inc., is granted a Letter of Registration to provide the following emerging competitive telecommunications services throughout the State of Colorado: advanced features; premium services; intraLATA toll; interLATA toll; switched access; non-optional operator services; and jurisdictional private line services.

5. OneStar Long Distance, Inc.'s emerging competitive telecommunications services will be regulated under the default regulatory scheme contained in 4 *Code of Colorado Regulations* 723-38.

6. OneStar Long Distance, Inc., shall serve customers in its service territory on a non-discriminatory basis. "Service territory" shall be defined as that portion of Colorado included in the local exchange maps provided with the applicant's tariffs. However, OneStar Long Distance, Inc., shall not be required to extend service to customers where the underlying facilities-based provider has no facilities.

7. Unless the Commission orders otherwise, OneStar Long Distance, Inc., shall begin providing local exchange and emerging competitive telecommunications services within three years after the grant of this Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity. 4 *Code of Colorado Regulations* 723-25-6.

8. Before commencing operations under this Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to provide local exchange telecommunications services and Letter of Registration to provide emerging competitive telecommunications services, OneStar Long Distance, Inc., shall file an Advice Letter containing local exchange maps, local calling areas, and a proposed tariff to become effective on not less than 30 days' notice. 4 *Code of Colorado Regulations* 723-1-41. OneStar Long Distance, Inc., may also file a separate price list with the proposed tariff.

9. If OneStar Long Distance, Inc., fails to file an effective tariff within three years from the Mailing Date of this Order, this Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to provide local exchange telecommunications services and this Letter of Registration to provide emerging competitive telecommunications services shall be deemed null and void. For good

cause shown, and if a proper request is filed within three years of the Mailing Date of this Order, the Commission may grant OneStar Long Distance, Inc., additional time within which to file a tariff.

10. In accordance with the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, OneStar Long Distance, Inc., will be required to maintain its books of accounts and records using Generally Accepted Accounting Principles. 4 *Code of Colorado Regulations* 723-1-25(c).

11. Consistent with terms and conditions established in previous Commission decisions, OneStar Long Distance, Inc., will be required to contribute to the Public Utilities Commission's Fixed Utilities Fund, the Colorado High Cost Support Mechanism, the Telecommunications Relay Services for the Disabled Telephone Users Program, the Emergency Telephone Access Act Program (Low Income Fund), and other financial support mechanisms that may be created in the future by the Commission to implement §§ 40-15-502(4) and (5), C.R.S.

12. This Order is effective on its Mailed Date.

**B. ADOPTED IN COMMISSIONERS' WEEKLY MEETING
January 15, 2003.**

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ABSENT.