

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

DOCKET NO. 04A-324T

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF S-TEL, L.L.C. FOR AUTHORITY TO
EXECUTE A TRANSFER TO S-TEL, L.L.C. DOING BUSINESS AS UNITY BUSINESS
NETWORKS, L.L.C.

ORDER GRANTING APPLICATION

Mailed Date: July 30, 2004
Adopted Date: July 27, 2004

I. BY THE COMMISSION

A. Statement

1. On June 16, 2004, S-TEL, L.L.C. (S-TEL) and Unity Business Networks, L.L.C. (Unity Business) filed a joint application requesting a Commission order authorizing a transfer of authority involving S-TEL and Unity Business. 4 *Code of Colorado Regulations* 723-25-8.

2. On July 15, 2004, Unity Business was granted a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) to provide local exchange services and a Letter of Registration (LOR) to provide emerging competitive telecommunications services. *See* Decision No. C04-0779 in Docket No. 04A-323T.

3. On December 27, 2001, S-TEL was granted a CPCN to provide local exchange services and a LOR to provide emerging competitive telecommunications services. *See* Decision No. C02-0074 in Docket No. 01A-593T. S-TEL is a wholly-owned operating subsidiary of Unity Business.

4. The parties are seeking a transfer of S-TEL's assets to Unity Business. The assets for S-TEL include the CPCN, LOR, and the Inter- exchange Carrier Agreement.

5. On June 21, 2004, the Commission issued a Notice of Application Filed, giving notice to all interested parties. Interventions were due on or before July 21, 2004. No interventions were filed.

B. Discussion

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

7. The Commission finds that the proposed transfer is not contrary to the public interest.

II. ORDER

A. The Commission Orders That:

1. The joint application for the transfer of authority of S-TEL, L.L.C. to Unity Business Networks, L.L.C. is granted.

2. Upon consummation of the transfer, Unity Business Networks, L.L.C. shall file an adoption notice to adopt the effective tariffs of S-TEL, L.L.C.

3. Unity Business Networks, L.L.C. shall continue to have the obligation to file an annual report with the Commission and to contribute to all applicable Colorado funds, including the Public Utilities Commission's Fixed Utilities Fund, the Colorado High Cost Support Mechanism, the Telecommunications Relay Services for the Disabled Telephone Users Program, and the Emergency Telephone Access Act Program.

4. This Order is effective on its Mailed Date.

**B. ADOPTED IN COMMISSIONERS' WEEKLY MEETING
July 27, 2004.**

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

Commissioners