

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE**

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF )  
COMMPARTNERS, LLC, FOR A CERTIFICATE )  
OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO )  
PROVIDE LOCAL EXCHANGE AND COMPETITIVE )  
INTRASTATE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES ) PSC DOCKET NO. 05-305  
WITHIN THE STATE OF DELAWARE, AND FOR )  
REVIEW OF A PLAN FOR PROVIDING INTRALATA )  
TOLL DIALING PARITY IN ACCORDANCE WITH )  
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION )  
REQUIREMENTS )  
(FILED AUGUST 26, 2005 AND AMENDED )  
DECEMBER 22, 2005) )

**FINDINGS AND ORDER NO. 6810**

**AND NOW**, to-wit, this 10<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2006, the Public Service Commission ("PSC" or the "Commission") makes the following findings, determination, and Order:

1. On August 26, 2005, CommPartners, LLC("CommPartners"), filed with the Commission an application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity ("CPCN") to allow it to provide local exchange and competitive intrastate telecommunications services within Delaware. CommPartners has also filed an illustrative tariff setting forth the terms and conditions for its proposed services and its proposed dialing parity plan. CommPartners amended its application on December 22, 2005; and

2. Public notice of the application, including a period for filing objections, was published in The News Journal newspaper on October 5, 2005 and the Delaware State News newspaper on October 1, 2005. No comments or objections to the application have been received. The Commission Staff reports that CommPartners has shown that it has the financial, technical, and managerial capabilities as required for a

certificate as set forth in the Commission's "Rules for the Provision of Telecommunications Services."<sup>1</sup> On December 22, 2005, CommPartners filed a performance bond in the amount of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) with corporate surety licensed to do business in Delaware; and,

3. The Commission determines that a conditional CPCN should be granted to CommPartners authorizing it, as a public utility, to offer local exchange telecommunications services under the provisions of the Commission's "Rules for the Provision of Telecommunications Services" until the Company completes the conditions described in Ordering Paragraph 4;

4. The Commission determines that a CPCN should be granted to CommPartners authorizing it, as a public utility, to offer competitive intrastate telecommunications services under the provisions of the Commission's "Rules for the Provision of Telecommunications Services;"

Now, therefore, **IT IS ORDERED:**

1. That, pursuant to 26 Del. C. §§ 203A and 703(3) and the Commission's "Rules for the Provision of Telecommunications Services," a conditional Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity is granted to CommPartners, LLC, to operate as a public utility and provide local exchange telecommunications services as described in the application filed on August 26, 2005 and amended on December 22, 2005.

2. That, pursuant to 26 Del. C. §§ 203A and 703(3) and the Commission's "Rules for the Provision of Telecommunications Services," a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity is granted to

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<sup>1</sup>Adopted in PSC Order No. 5833 (eff. Dec. 10, 2001).

CommPartners, LLC, to operate as a public utility and provide competitive intrastate telecommunications services as described in the application filed on August 26, 2005 and amended on December 22, 2005.

3. That CommPartners, LLC, shall provide local exchange and competitive intrastate telecommunications services in the manner required by the Commission's "Rules for the Provision of Telecommunications Services," and shall, at all times, comply with all applicable provisions of such Rules. CommPartners, LLC, shall also file all returns and pay all assessments and fees as may be required by the provisions of 26 Del. C. §§ 114 and 115.

4. That the Certificate for local exchange telecommunications services is awarded upon, and subject to, the following conditions:<sup>2</sup>

- (a) That ten (10) days prior to the date CommPartners, LLC, intends to offer and implement local exchange telecommunications services, CommPartners, LLC, shall file a tariff or price list with rules, regulations, terms, and conditions of service specifically adopted for Delaware; and
- (b) That CommPartners, LLC, has a Commission approved interconnection agreement or a filed "opt-in" agreement between CommPartners, LLC, and Verizon Delaware Inc., or another certificated local exchange carrier.

5. That the intraLATA toll dialing parity plan filed by CommPartners, LLC, is approved with the modification expressed in Staff's recommendation in their January 3, 2006 memorandum. The Commission

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<sup>2</sup>These conditions must be completed within 6 months of the date of this Order.

reserves the right to revisit the approval granted here if changed circumstances or complaints (from either consumers or competitors) raise concerns that "real world" implementation of the intraLATA toll dialing parity plan of CommPartners, LLC, does not allow for customers to exercise informed choice in the selection of an intraLATA toll carrier.

6. That the provisions of 26 Del. C. § 208(b) are waived, and CommPartners, LLC, is authorized to maintain its books and records relating to its Delaware operations outside of the State of Delaware provided, however, and upon the condition that, all such books and records relating to Delaware operations as the Commission may deem it reasonably necessary from time to time, to review and copy, shall be provided to the Commission at the Commission's Office within the State of Delaware in a timely manner upon written request by the Commission's Chief of Technical Services or Executive Director. The conduct of such a review at a location other than Delaware shall be at the Applicant's expense.

7. That CommPartners, LLC, shall comply with all state and federal statutes and rules relating to a customer's selection of a preferred carrier of telecommunications services. CommPartners, LLC, agrees to pay all fees, assessments, penalties, and allowed damages arising from a violation of such state and federal statutes or rules pertaining to the selection of a preferred carrier.

8. That a violation of the "Rules for the Provision of Telecommunications Services" may result in suspension or revocation of this Certificate.

9. That the Commission reserves the jurisdiction and authority to enter such further Orders in this proceeding as may be deemed necessary or proper.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

/s/ Arnetta McRae  
Chair

/s/ Joann T. Conaway  
Commissioner

/s/ Dallas Winslow  
Commissioner

/s/ Jaymes B. Lester  
Commissioner

/s/ Jeffrey J. Clark  
Commissioner

ATTEST:

/s/ Karen J. Nickerson  
Secretary